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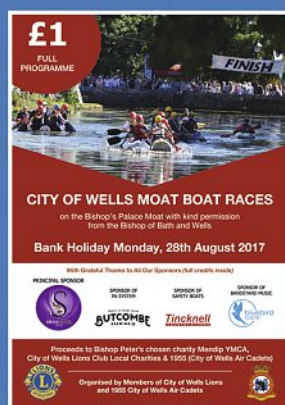
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Innovation: We're the King of the Jungle

Not bound by the chains of the past, emboldened by its aura of freedom, America a century ago was an incubator of innovation. There was jazz. The Broadway musical. And, a social movement, Lions Clubs, the first group of any stature to dedicate itself to community service.

As Lions grew in numbers and influence, we were wonderfully open to new ideas, new ways of doing things. Lions didn't always conceive of an intriguing original idea, but we quickly adopted it and helped popularise it: service dogs for the blind, eye banks and the white cane. To get where we wanted to go, to serve efficiently and broadly, Lions did not ever hesitate to do things differently and creatively.

INNOVATION

The spirit of innovation continues to be a hallmark of Clubs, Districts and Lions Clubs International. Whether it's a homeless shelter that provides vocational training for children in the Philippines, raising awareness of the need to recycle through a trash fashion show in New Zealand or, ingeniously, making lawn decorations such as pumpkins and snowmen out of

beetle-killed trees to raise money in California, Lions refuse to simply replicate worn-out service methods but instead, invigorate communities with fun, clever and inspiring events and activities that help those in need.

“Being daring is part of our Lion DNA”

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This being the digital age, our innovation extends to social media and smartphones. MyLion, a world-class mobile app, is dramatically changing the way we serve and communicate. It's a brave new world indeed, and Lions are courageously blazing new digital trails. The world is speeding up, spinning faster and increasingly becoming a true global village. MyLion puts us in the heart of the town square, able to be a linchpin of

social improvement, thanks to our communication prowess.

STRIDING FORWARD

All of this leads me to ask: how is your Club doing? If it works for you, keep doing it. If you know you can do better, be brave and be innovative. After all, being daring is part of our Lion DNA. It's a cliché, but we are the king of the jungle, distinguished by our courage to stride fearlessly forward. I wish you the best this year in your service and know, based on a century of success, that as Lions you will reach your goals.

Dr Naresh Aggarwal
Lions Clubs International President



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MAIDENHEAD LIONS WELCOMED THE PRIME MINISTER
AND HER HUSBAND TO THEIR SWIMARATHON

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Editorial



HELLO AGAIN

Where does time go? I don't know if it's 'an age thing' or because life just gets busier and busier, but I'm sure I only wrote my column for the last issue a few days ago. I only have a hazy recollection of Christmas 2017 now, but on page 34 of this issue you can read how Clubs around the country found the time and energy to work their Santa socks off to make sure everyone within their reach had a good Christmas.

One of the highlights in this issue is the story on page 8, about when Maidenhead Lions welcomed their local MP and our Prime Minister, Theresa May, to their annual Swimarathon in January. Mrs May and her husband have supported the Swimarathon ever since 1997 but not all Clubs can count on the support of such high-profile figures. So they simply dig deeper and deeper to make a world of difference in smaller and quieter ways, turn to page 10 to see if your Club is mentioned in our community reports. And if it isn't – it's probably because no-one sent a report to me. Come on everyone – send those stories in, no matter how short (or long)!

In this issue, it is very encouraging to see so many reports on young people developing a keen interest in their communities and in Lions. They really do have to be commended because although their priority has to be their school work, they still find the time to work with others less fortunate. Some projects are combined with school work, like the Peace Poster competition (see page 40) and in our next issue, we will be reporting on the Young Ambassador of the 21st Century finals. I went to last year's event and can't imagine how that could be bettered – but, we'll see!

SEND YOUR STORIES IN

Lion magazine is read by non-Lions as well as Lions and it works as a valuable tool to encourage new members to join. As such, it provides an ideal opportunity to show potential members just how much local communities benefit from Lions' hard and caring work.

So when you send in your photographs to illustrate your stories, please remember to send ones that show Lions 'at work' in the community, rather than posing for the camera. A word about photographs again – I get hundreds of images sent in for publication that are just too small for us to use and that's such a shame. So when you email images, please make sure they are at least 1MB and 300dpi.

Keep in touch won't you?

Nicky Rogers
Lion Editor

DIGITAL LION

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MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE PIN

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NEW MEMBERS

THE PRIDE OF LIONS



Lions respond where there is a need and there is power in numbers, so we are delighted to welcome our new members who joined during November and December 2017.

DISTRICT 105-A

Abingdon	2
Hatch End Lions Centennial	1
High Wycombe	1
London-Finchley	1
Milton Keynes Stony Stratford	1
Ruislip	1
Waltham Forest	1
Wanstead & Woodford	1
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	9

DISTRICT 105-C

Bridlington	1
North Wolds	1
Thorne Rural	1
Tickhill & District	1
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	4

DISTRICT 105-D

Blackmore Vale	1
Crofton	3
Fleet	2
Guernsey	1
Hayling Island	1
Isle of Wight Sandown Shanklin	1
Jersey	1
Reading	1
Romsey	1
Trowbridge Wilts	1
Windsor	1
Wokingham Berks	1
Yateley & District	1
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	16

DISTRICT 105-E

Barton on Humber	1
Horncastle & District	1
Louth District	1
Rothley Soar Valley	1
Woodhall Spa	1
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	5

DISTRICT 105-M

Birmingham Moseley & Kings Heath	1
Warwick	1
Wellesbourne	1
Wellingborough & District	4
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	7

DISTRICT 105-W

Aberystwyth	1
Devizes	2
Hereford	1
Llantwit Major & Cowbridge	1
Newport	1
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	6

DISTRICT 105-BN

Birchwood	1
Crosby & District	1
Furness	1
Hyndburn Centennial	9
Isle of Man	1
Kendal & District	1
Kirkham & Fylde Rural	1
Lytham St Annes	1
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	16

DISTRICT 105-BS

Beaumaris-Menai-Aethwy	1
Birkenhead	1
Ironbridge-Severn Gorge	1
Knutsford & District	3
Stone	1
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	7

DISTRICT 105-EA

Attleborough 2013	2
Beccles	1
Brentwood	1
Downham Market	1
Hethersett District	2
Long Stratton	1
Peterborough	1
Southend on Sea	1
Wisbech	1
Wroxham & Hoveton	1
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	12

DISTRICT 105-NE

City of Edinburgh	1
Dumbarton	1
Easingwold District	2
Morpeth	1
Sunderland	1
Thirsk & Northallerton	2
Tynedale	1
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	9

DISTRICT 105-SE

Adur East	2
Bexley Sidcup	1
Chanctonbury	1
Crowborough & District	1
Hastings	1
Lancing & Sompting	1
Selsey & District	3
Thanet	2
Uckfield District	1
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	13

DISTRICT 105-SW

Bodmin	1
Budleigh Salterton	3
Launceston	2
Newquay	1
Newquay Towan Blystra	1
Okehampton	1
Padstow & District	1
Penzance	2
Portishead	1
Seaton & District	2
Wells Somerset	2
Yeo Valley	1
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	18

"Families shouldn't have to face
terminal illness alone.
With your support, I'll be there."

Bindi, Marie
Curie Nurse



Good luck Lions!

Thank you so much for volunteering for the Great Daffodil Appeal this March.
Remember, every penny you collect and every daffodil box you place will make
a huge difference for people living with a terminal illness.



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Care and support
through terminal illness



Prime Minister Supports Maidenhead Lions Swimarathon

The Maidenhead Lions annual Swimarathon, held in January, was attended by local MP and Prime Minister, Theresa May.



PICTURED: Mr and Mrs May with swimmers and organisers

Mrs May and her husband have supported the Swimarathon since 1997. When she was first elected as Member of Parliament for Maidenhead, she captained a team of newly elected MPs, including John Bercow and Oliver Letwin and has only missed attending the event once in 21 years.

The Club is grateful for the support Mrs May has given over the years, particularly finding time as Prime Minister to come along to this year's event.

Prime Minister, Theresa May, said: "Lions Clubs International is a fantastic organisation and it has been a privilege to support the Maidenhead Club in its many activities. It's been a few years since I've been able to captain a team myself, but Philip and I enjoy attending every year to support and cheer on the swimmers raising money for really good causes."

In this 33rd year that the event has been held, a record number of 104 teams made up of more than 900 swimmers





were entered; teams were raising money for Lions and their own chosen charities.

FUNDRAISING

More than £650,000 has been raised over the years, helping hundreds of charities. Funds raised this year will help to keep supporting local families and individuals in need, as well as contributing to national and international appeals and other good causes. The Swimarathon has provided a high profile for the Club including the work we do and has become part of the town's calendar of events.

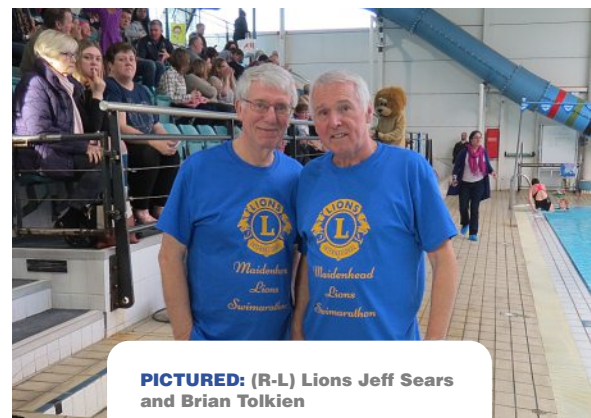
As part of Lions Centennial Celebrations Maidenhead Lions are offering 100, £100 grants to local voluntary and youth groups, this is to recognise smaller groups of volunteers who can find it difficult to raise funds and when £100 can really make a difference.

PICTURED RIGHT: The Prime Minister said: "Lions Clubs International is a fantastic organisation and it has been a privilege to support the Maidenhead Club in its many activities"

PICTURED BELOW: More than 900 swimmers took part this year



PICTURED: Gearing up for the Maidenhead Lions Swimarathon



PICTURED: (R-L) Lions Jeff Sears and Brian Tolkien



We're making a world of difference

Lions are changing the world one community at a time, by addressing needs at home and around the globe. We are 1.4 million men and women who believe that kindness matters. And when we work together, we can achieve bigger goals.

Find out more at: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/index.php>

Cannock Lions Diwali Celebration

Cannock Lions Club held a Diwali celebration fundraising evening in October, instigated by Pavinder, one of the Club's newest members.

Club members, families, friends and fellow Lions from neighbouring Clubs were treated to an evening of dance, music and colour with a delicious Indian buffet during the interval.

The 120-strong audience was treated to performances by the Gabrhu Punjab Dancers and



their traditional drum band. During one of these routines, members of the audience took part in the dancing with step-by-step tuition by one of the troupe's members.

It was a wonderful evening which raised over £1,700 for the Club.

PICTURED ABOVE: Audience participation!

PICTURED: Cannock Lions Club's Diwali celebration



PICTURED: Lions David, Derek Pat and Mick at Tesco's Kingston

Thank You Tesco Customers

Bletchley Lions collected £246 from customers of Tesco's Kingston to help Lions fund some more of their good work, such as gardening at MK Hospital and the McIntyre Charity, supplying packs for people staying overnight at MK hospital and many other worthwhile projects here and abroad.



PICTURED: The winners of the Teddy Bear Hunt with Town Mayor, Councillor Peter Lucey and this year's Mini-Mayor, Caitlyn Hyde

Wokingham Teddy Bear Hunt

Wokingham Lions Club's Teddy Bear Hunt took place during last October's half-term. Ten teddies were hidden in shop windows around the town.

Biggest Fundraiser of the Year

Babbacombe and St Marychurch Lions Club held their annual 'Lions on the Downs Family Fun Day' last July on Babbacombe Downs, Torquay, overlooking one of the best beaches in south Devon.

This event is the Club's biggest fundraiser of the year and made over £3,000 with further donations from stall holders still coming in. The day was a huge success; partly thanks to the Club's successful social media campaign which brought in 6,000 visitors and also the amazing weather!

To see more photos from the day, visit the Club's Facebook page: [@BBSMLionsClub](#)



PICTURED: What a view!



PICTURED: At the 'Lions on the Downs Family Fun Day' last summer



Coventry Godiva Lions' Festival of Lights

Coventry Godiva Lions held a Festival of Lights last October at Longford Park in Coventry. It is one of the largest fundraising events that is held by the Club and the only one of its kind held in the heart of Coventry, attracting over 2,000 people. The principal charity nominated to benefit from this event was COPD (Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease).

Festival of Lights provided an opportunity for people from all different traditions, cultures and religions to enjoy art, music, dance and food. It also had various health awareness stalls.

The event was attended by the Lord Mayor of Coventry, Councillor Tony Skipper, as well as Cllr Lindsley Harvard,



PICTURED: Face painting at the Festival of Lights

Cllr Balvinder Kaur, Cllr Ram Lakha, Sikh Union President, Palvinder Chana – and our own Lions President, Indu Aggrawal.

One of the highlights of the festival was provided by the singer and songwriter, Sukhshinder Shinda, who entertained the packed crowds. Event Manager, Lion Mejar Singh Gill, said: "Lots of people said it was really fantastic and we have had lots of positive comments. We had lovely weather everybody loved the bands, especially Sukhshinder Shinda and the fireworks at the end were spectacular!"

Multiple district forum – say anything!

Find out what the Council of Governors talk about at their meetings, ask them questions, give them feedback, and download the latest versions of the directory.

Ask other Lions about topics including fundraising, membership ideas, charity status, Centennial progress and anything else you can think of – just ask.

Register now at the Lions members' forum: www.lionsclubs.co/forum/

Donation to Food Bank



PICTURED: (L-R) Lion Simon Pringle, Linda Fugill of Wansbeck Valley Food Bank, Lion President, Margaret Trewick and Lion Les Brindley

Before Christmas, Margaret Trewick, President of the Lions Club of Morpeth, presented £1,000 to Linda Fugill, Project Manager of Wansbeck Valley Food Bank.

Margaret explained to Linda that in previous years, Morpeth Lions collected donations in Morrisons, Morpeth, during December. They then arranged for food parcels to be made up and delivered just before Christmas to numerous households in the area.

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank undertakes a similar service throughout the year with the benefit of its many professional contacts who identify the neediest. So Morpeth Lions felt that money raised from generous Morrisons' customers would be put to best use by supporting the excellent work Wansbeck Valley Food Bank provides for the less fortunate in the community. By making the donation early, the food bank would be able to stock up before the Christmas rush.



Saddle up!

Hemel Hempstead President, Lion Barbara Daniels, with Lions Dianne Crook, Lorraine Watson and Mrs Sue Allen, presented Karen, trustee at Gaddesden Riding School for the Disabled, with a new saddle and halter for pony, Blue.

Each new pony that comes to the riding school has to have a custom made saddle so Hemel Hempstead Lions stepped in to buy one for Blue. The riding school has to raise £30,000 annually to keep afloat and with the help of 80 volunteers it allows nearly 200 disabled people to exercise, gain confidence and enjoy their hobby.



Camborne, Redruth and District Lions Dog Show

Camborne, Redruth and District Lions held their 38th Annual Fun Companion Dog Show at the Community Centre, Redruth in January. At the end of a very good day, they had raised £222 for their charity account.

Gnosall & Newport Proms 2017

Gnosall & Newport Lions Club held their latest Last Night at the Proms featuring the Lea Hall Brass Band and the hilarious BBC Radio WM wordsmith, David Bartley, in Gnosall Memorial Hall.

The evening culminated in true Proms style with British sea songs, Land of Hope and Glory, Jerusalem and the National Anthem, it brought everyone up on their feet, waving flags, singing their hearts out and letting their hair down.

It was the first function of this type carried out by the newly named Gnosall & Newport Lions Club. Gnosall had seen it before but it was new to their Newport friends. Needless to say, a repeat performance is on the agenda for 2018.

PICTURED: Gnosall & Newport Lions Club Last Night at the Proms





Crocodile Spotted Near Kings Lynn

Kings Lynn Lions had a very busy and successful 2017, and they invited their charity partners (East Anglian Children's Hospice, NSPCC 'Speak Out' project and Samaritans Kings Lynn Branch) to their December meeting to present them with cheques representing money raised at the latest 'Norton Hill' weekend.

Mike Schumann opens up his Norton Hill garden to the public for three weekends in August, when different groups can raise funds. His garden includes a 1km miniature railway with track laid through the woods where passengers can spot a crocodile, a teddy bears picnic and a lion. Kings Lynn Lions were lucky to have been allocated the August bank holiday weekend, and North West Norfolk Explorer Scouts helped Lions to run the event by fetching, carrying, putting up tents and marshalling.

PICTURED: The miniature railway at Norton Hill

PICTURED: Kings Lynn Lions President, John Groom, with the Club's charity partners



PICTURED TOP: Benta and Brian Hickley, Champney Hall Management Committee, with Lion Mike Sells

PICTURED MIDDLE: Pauline Walker of Electric Eels, with Lion Mike Sells

PICTURED BOTTOM: Robbie Tomlinson and Dr Kirstin Ostle of the Dedworth Medical Centre, with Lion Mike Sells

Windsor Lions 'Den' is a Roaring Success

Windsor Lions' new initiative; the Lion's Den Challenge, has been a great success and three local organisations benefited from £6,000 as a result.

This project aimed to create sustainable projects that would directly benefit the local community and was based on the TV programme, 'Dragon's Den', where budding entrepreneurs seek financial investment by presenting their business initiatives for scrutiny by experts. Six youth and senior groups were invited to present their ideas to the panel of prominent local business people, headed by the Windsor Lions President, Paul Maxwell, who judged their proposals.

The winning projects, each receiving £2,000, were:

- Dedworth Medical Centre, to help create a space and support for a number of local groups to provide much needed services to the immediate communities;
- Electric Eels, to help them provide a competitive swimming platform for children with Down's Syndrome to enable them ultimately to represent GB internationally; and
- Champney Hall, a community hall in Horton wanting to provide services to the local community through the addition of broadband and internet infrastructure.

Lion President, Paul Maxwell, said: "We thank all our teams this year who submitted great cases and while some did not meet the criteria of the Den we hope to be able to support some of them through the broader work of Lions."

LCIF and Partners to Provide Gender Equity Intervention in Delhi, India

By Ariel Dickson

Gender-based violence and inequality are a sad reality in many countries around the world. According to the World Health Organisation, an estimated 35 percent of women worldwide have experienced some form of physical or sexual violence. These acts can leave women with painful repercussions, both physically and psychologically. In many areas of the world, these women are shunned from their families and communities. Unable to find work, women are left with limited abilities to provide for themselves and their children. Furthermore, children who grow up in families with violence often perpetuate or experience violence later in life. To end the cycle, educating and empowering youth from an early age is a vital step in overcoming these obstacles.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), in collaboration with Breakthrough Communications PL <http://breakthrough.net.in> and the Independent Television Service, Inc. (ITVS) <https://itvs.org>, has launched a new initiative on gender-based violence prevention in Delhi, India. The initial training took place 10th – 11th October 2017, in conjunction with International Day of the Girl Child. The project promotes a positive school climate and safe learning environment for all students. LCIF allocated US\$100,000 in seed funding for this multi-organisational collaborative project.

The initial pilot intervention, titled *Dosti Ka Safar* (The Journey of Friendship), was built using Lions Quest lessons and programming, and will help foster and cultivate greater gender equity among 2,000 youth in New Delhi and surrounding regions. This customised intervention utilises teacher-led discussions, serialised films and the Lions Quest model of 'skills practice' to extend constructive behaviours from the lessons into the everyday classroom and community at large.

"Lions Clubs International Foundation is honoured to collaborate with transformative pioneers," said Chancellor Bob Corlew, Chairman of LCIF. "This Lions Quest project will bring positive social change and make a difference for thousands of women and girls in the Delhi area. It is a shining example of the positive youth development skills Lions Quest has fostered in millions of young people."

"[This curriculum] will enable [adolescents] to identify and access support systems and resources that exist in their surroundings, address and prevent discrimination and violence and create safer spaces for themselves and their peers," said Pauline Gomes, Senior Manager at Breakthrough.

"We are excited and honoured to have partnered with other distinguished organisations to launch this one-of-a-kind



curriculum-based intervention," said Abhishek Srivastava, India Engagement Co-ordinator for ITVS.

To reach these ambitious goals, Lions Quest and partners trained teachers from nine local schools in social and emotional learning, as well as overcoming patriarchal norms, gender biases and stereotypes in the initial pilot. In

addition to training teachers to implement the curriculum, all classrooms received printed teacher books, student journals, videos and copies of *Priya's Shakti* – a celebrated graphic novel about a female rape victim turned superhero in an Indian village.

Earlier in 2017, Lions Clubs International signed a Memorandum of Understanding with UN Women: <http://lionsclubs.org/blog/2017/03/08/lions-and-un-women-partner-for-gender-equality-womensday/>, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, to further LCI's commitment to the UN Sustainable Development Goals: <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/>

For more than 30 years, Lions Quest has developed and implemented a comprehensive, evidence-based social and emotional learning programme in schools all over the world. Through curriculum dissemination, professional development and community engagement, more than 16 million youth have benefited from the programme. The project in India marks a new milestone in Lions' service to youth worldwide. It inspires a hopeful future where men and women have the same opportunities, and all people are free to live a safe and happy life.



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Hednesford Lions Provide Sound Reinforcement

In 2016 and 2017, Hednesford Centennial Lions Club took on one of their most ambitious community projects to date; the Hednesford War Memorial and Gardens sound reinforcement system.

Taking part in Remembrance services at their local Cenotaph highlighted an issue that had escalated over previous years – in that members of the growing congregation found it difficult, if not impossible, to hear and to feel part of the service. Great efforts had been made by local volunteers to remedy the situation but unfortunately, due to limited funds and expertise they had been unable to provide the equipment needed, so in 2015, Hednesford Centennial Lions were asked by members of the community to help find a solution.

EXPERT ADVICE

Hednesford Lions approached local companies and technical advisors to ensure the package they put forward would firstly be suitable for the task, and secondly, aesthetically pleasing and in keeping with other renovation works that have already been carried out. With their

PICTURED: New speakers enable congregations to hear the services



PICTURED: (L-R) Lisa Moxham, Suzanne Middleton, Rob Blount, Diane Quimby, Malcolm Quimby, Wendy Yates, Mike Webster and Chris Moxham

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help the Lions created a design and specification for one of the most modern memorial garden installations in the country. Following various discussions and working closely with local authorities, they gained the full backing of the council and secured all the relevant licences required to carry out the work required on such a sensitive and historical site.

In total, the installation was estimated to cost approximately £9,000 to complete, an ambitious target for such a young

Club, but a project that all members were passionate about delivering to the community. Over the course of 2016/17 they approached many local companies and applied for grants. Thankfully, they received a lot of support from the local community, and with a successful grant application and winning vote they received a sizeable amount from their local Tesco 'Bags of Help' scheme, which allowed them to begin work on site.

HARD GRAFT PAYS OFF

With labour provided by a volunteer workforce in the evenings and at

weekends, and a final push from the Stafford First Signal Regiment, Hednesford Centennial Lions had all the wiring trenches dug and posts installed just before the nights started to draw in. After that, Past President, Shaun Middleton, co-ordinated the external suppliers and contractors to ensure that the installation was complete before the target date of 11th November 2017. Shaun's hard work and efforts paid off and the Lions were able to provide full sound coverage to the site for the first time at the most heavily attended remembrance service in recent years.

Hundreds of man hours of planning and on-site work went into completing this project and Hednesford Centennial Lions wanted to thank everyone who had helped them and contributed in any way. So they held a presentation at the site last December where they demonstrated the installation to dignitaries from LCI, local and national government and representatives from fellow organisations in the town. District Governor, Teresa Nickson, presented certificates to those who had contributed to the successful completion of the project.

COMMUNITY SPIRIT CONTINUES

An undertaking of this size required a real community spirit, bringing together local companies and individuals who voluntarily gave their time, effort and financial support to bring this idea to fruition, and Hednesford Centennial Lions were honoured by the support they received.

During the installation, they also found time to help clear some of the very overgrown areas of the gardens that in time, will complement the replanting work that has been done by other community volunteers.

Hednesford Centennial Lions have made a commitment to maintain the installation with regularly scheduled clean ups including litter picks, weeding, cutting back and general tidying of the gardens.



PICTURED: Remembrance Day 2017



Insights into Inheritance Tax planning

Britain has some of the highest death duties of any country¹. Beneficiaries have to pay 40% tax on each extra pound that is inherited above the nil-rate band of £325,000 (£650,000 for married couples or civil partners).

Yet the Conservative government has long promised to reform these so-called 'death duties'. In October 2007 the then shadow chancellor George Osborne announced that, if a Conservative government came to power, it would raise the IHT threshold to £1 million. However, the new government's first Budget in June 2010 did not contain any such proposal and, over the five-year parliamentary term, the tax was left largely unchanged. Consequently, the former chancellor announced that, from April 2017, a new dedicated tax-free allowance, then called the 'main residence nil-rate band', would be introduced to specifically help protect a residence from IHT.

Standing by

The new allowance is totally separate from the existing nil-rate band, as it will only apply on transfers of a residence to direct descendants. It began its phasing in at £100,000 from April, increasing in £25,000 increments annually to £175,000 in 2020/21. From then on, it will increase each year in line with the Consumer Prices Index.

Like the existing nil-rate band, any unused fraction of the new allowance may be transferred to a surviving spouse or civil partner. Given this option, a couple could potentially have a total IHT tax-free limit of £1 million from 2020/21.

However, the rules are not straightforward and not everyone will gain. While the new allowance is consistent with the government's pledge to take most family homes out of IHT, it's also consistent with the former chancellor's fondness for finding complex solutions to simple problems.

For example, the new allowance only applies to a residence that is passed to children and grandchildren (including adopted, foster and step children), not to other family members. So those who do not have children cannot benefit from an increased allowance. What is more, unmarried partners cannot pass nil-rate bands to each other, meaning they can only have one £325,000 nil-rate band, and one £175,000 residence nil-rate band by 2020/21. This gives those individuals a maximum total allowance of £500,000.

Furthermore, the allowance is progressively withdrawn once an estate tops £2 million (after deducting any liabilities, but before reliefs and exemptions such as Business Relief). The rate of withdrawal is £1 for every £2 over the £2 million limit. Thus an estate worth £2.2 million in 2017/18 will have no residence allowance at all.

There will be many people who will be unable to take full, or indeed any, advantage of the additional allowance. For these individuals, lifetime gifting, trusts, charitable giving and other allowances will remain vital components of estate planning.

The levels and bases of taxation, and reliefs from taxation, can change at any time. The value of any tax relief depends on individual circumstances.



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Beccles Lions Club Twins with Vera and District Lions Club in Spain

Beccles and District Lions Club has now officially twinned with Vera and District Lions Club in Spain. The idea of twinning was raised at one of the Club meetings by Lion Chris Lambert, who had been attending Vera Lions Club for two years while he was living half the year in Spain and the other half in Beccles.

As Vera Lions Club was founded in 2011 by English Lions who lived in Spain, the then Club Secretary, Lion Sandie Tinkham, wondered if it would be possible for the two clubs to twin.

Lions Richard and Janice Barr from Great Yarmouth Lions Club, which has been twinned for many years with Rambouillet in France, were a great help in guiding Beccles Lions through the twinning procedure.

Finally in September last year, Beccles Lions received confirmation from LCI that the twinning process was complete and Beccles Lions Club was officially twinned with Vera and District Lions Club.

So in October 2017, Vera and District Lions invited Beccles and District Lions Club to their Charter Evening to celebrate, where Beccles Lions Club Vice President, Chris Lambert, presented the Vera and District Lions President, Pam Mattioli, with a rose bowl engraved to commemorate the twinning. In return Pam presented Chris with a Declaration of Friendship written in both Spanish and English.

Lion President, Chris Ramsden, said: "This is a new venture for Beccles Lions, although we all feel it will be a worthwhile project



PICTURED: Lion Chris Lambert of Beccles Lions with Pam Mattioli, President of Vera Lions

to foster the spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world, and long may it continue."

Beccles Membership Chair, Lion Keith Moore, added: "This is part of the Third Purpose of Lions Clubs International, to create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world. By establishing a formal twinning relationship, we have the opportunity to co-operate on a variety of projects, such as increasing membership for both clubs and share ideas and to learn from each other's cultures and customs."



PICTURED: Setting off from York Station

Simon Boulton's London Underground Challenge

At 7am on Tuesday 12th Sept 2017, Lion Simon Boulton from Bridlington Lions Club, started his London Underground Challenge at Amersham, Buckinghamshire.

He took a southbound Metropolitan Line train to Uxbridge where he changed onto a Piccadilly Line train to Acton town. He continued to make his way from west to east on a number of different tube lines (as shown on the Underground map). The challenge took 12 hours and Simon visited 279 stations (out of 380 and he travelled along four complete lines (Metropolitan, Jubilee, Circle and Piccadilly).

Simon's unusual challenge raised £200, which was put into Bridlington Lions Club funds to be used for local needs as they occur.

PICTURED: Simon, back home safe and sound >>



Lions Galore!

When the President of Oadby & Wigston Lions Club, Richard Darlaston, and his wife, Denise, went on a recent holiday they went looking for fellow Lions.

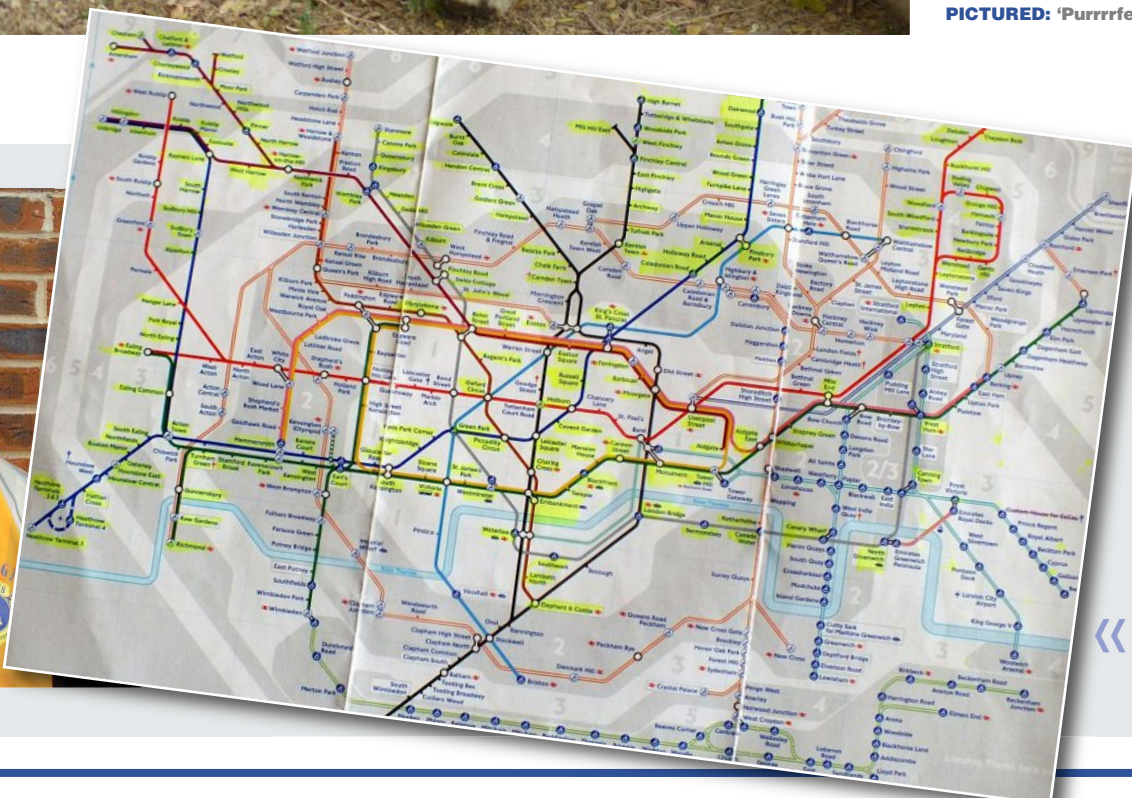
However, as you see in the picture, they found more than they bargained for at the Casela Safari Park in Mauritius.

This puts a new spin on 'interaction between Lions'!

Richard told Club members that he can still count to 10, he's checked his fingers...



PICTURED: 'Purrrfect' friends



PICTURED: The stations that Simon visited are highlighted



Oh Grover!

Grover has been Lion Jim Rowley's guide dog for the past nine years. Sadly, Grover had to retire on this 11th birthday in December 2017. So as a tribute to Jim's 'best friend', Lion Jodie Ward, of Babbacombe and St Marychurch Lions Club, looks back at Jim and Grover's journey and all the wonderful memories they made together:

Everyone remembers when they first met Grover. I was 20 when I first met them, I'd been a member for less than a year and it was my first District Convention in 2012. I was asking everyone sign my 'First Timers' sheet when I saw Grover, Jim, Jackie and of course, Harry and Janet Fry. While I was playing with Grover, I got the usual from Jim about the organisation and how it was good to finally see young people getting involved. Little did I know that four years later I would end up in the same Club.

I've spent the past few weeks talking to Jim and Jackie getting stories, snippets and photos for this article, and it is

clear to see just how well these two work well together. Doing whatever he wants, kicking other people out of the way for his spot at the bar, giving the barmaid 'the look' for his drink and making sure everyone who walks past stops and says hello... and that's just Grover! Talking to Jim he said: "Grover isn't perfect, he breaks the rules and does what he wants, but so do I, and that's why we work so well together. We know each other and know what the other is going to do before they do it." Which I'm sure everyone can agree too, especially if there is a treat or beer involved.

Grover has several names and one of them is 'Houdini'. He is a talented escape artist and has been since he was a puppy. There is no boundary fence between Jim and Jackie's garden and the coastal footpath in St Marychurch. He has gone missing for HOURS before, just wondering around saying hello to everyone in the community, as most people know him. As a result, they now have a wire fence on top of the wall surrounding their patio area to stop any further 'Great Escape' remakes!

It is safe to say that Grover is just as active in Lions as Jim is. He comes to Club fundraisers, business, committee and director meetings, District and Multiple District Conventions and all the bits in between. He even has his own Lions Clubs regalia.

Jim, Jackie and Grover are also annual guests for Christmas at The Cliffden Hotel, Teignmouth. This is also where dynamic duo did their training together in 2008, when Grover was paired with Jim and their journey began.

Jim said: "Grover has been a faithful friend, an excellent guide and even better companion, he has changed my life." Some of you may know that Jim will be getting another guide dog, which means Grover will be going to a new home. However, it is one of love that Grover already knows and he is pretty much the boss there too.

Grover, you will forever be loved by Babbacombe and St Marychurch Lions Club and the whole of MD105. Although you are a dog, you will always be a Lion to us!



« PICTURED: Jim and Grover



PICTURED: Lions with the choir

Lions Roar In

The Healing Voices Choir had surprise visit to their meeting recently as three men from the West (not the East) arrived, bearing a gift, not of frankincense or myrrh but 'gold' in the form of a cheque. The three, all members representing the Gnosall and Newport Lions Club were responding to a request from the choir for contributions towards the purchase of uniform fleece jackets. These were for their members when performing outside concerts and Club members were only too pleased to help.

The choir, led by Musical Director, Erin Hughes, was formed a couple of years ago for people affected by cancer in any way, and it welcomes singers of any standard. They regularly sing at local venues and even sung on Radio Stoke over last Christmas.

The Lions were so inspired by the Choir and what they stood for, and also that they embodied the Lions' motto; 'ordinary people, amazing things', so they decided to pay the choir an unannounced visit. So Lion Club President, Rick Talbot, Club Treasurer, John Ison, and newest member, Lion Ian Woodward, arrived at a recent choir practice to present them with a cheque for £250 towards the fleeces.

The response from the choir was, to say the least, very noisy, definitely not in tune, but the cheque was received with much enthusiasm.

PICTURED: Choir Chairman Mike Buck, accepting the cheque on behalf of the choir from Lion President, Rick, with Lions Ian Woodward, John Ison and Choir Secretary, Sue Rhodes





EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Dubai, UAE/New Delhi, India – November 8-13, 2017

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

1. Lifted the election moratorium in District 321-A3 (India) in order to permit the district to hold elections for District Governor, First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor beginning with the 2018-2019 fiscal year.
2. Rejected the complaints filed by Lions Club Ghaziabad Senior and Lions Club Shamli Doab in Multiple District 321 (India) under the Multiple District Dispute Resolution Procedure as untimely.
3. Authorized the general counsel to issue a license to use the name "Lions" and the Lions Clubs International Emblem to the Lions Co-ordination Committee of India Association (LCCIA).
4. Permitted former member, Past District Governor Gil-Moo Park to join a Lions Club, provided that he not be permitted to serve in any district, multiple district or international leadership position in the future and if Past District Governor Gil-Moo Park engages in or supports the filing of litigation with respect to Lions related matters he will automatically be removed from Lionism and would not be eligible for future membership.
5. Revised the Standard Form Club By-Laws in Chapter VII of the Board Policy Manual for consistency with previously adopted changes related to the approval of Life Members.
6. Revised the Standard Form Multiple District By-Laws in Chapter VII of the Board Policy Manual to clarify the provision.
7. Deleted Chapter XV, Paragraph C.13. of the Board Policy Manual for consistency with previously adopted changes related to the emergency reserve funds.
8. Revised Chapter XV, Paragraph C.14. of the Board Policy Manual for consistency with previously adopted changes related to the eligibility to be elected for international office.
9. Revised the Neutral Observer Policy in Chapter XV of the Board Policy Manual as it relates to who can request a neutral observer.
10. Adopted a resolution to be reported to the 2018 International Convention to amend the International By-Laws to clarify the provision related to the duties of the district governor.
11. Adopted a resolution to be reported to the 2018 International Convention to amend the International

By-Laws to amend the number of members of the Long Range Planning Committee be consistent with recent amendments to the International Constitution and By-Laws.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

1. Established per diem allowances for appointed Credentials Committee members serving without other reimbursement, District Governors-elect and District Governors-elect Faculty and Headquarters Staff attending the Las Vegas Convention.
2. Revised the 2018 Las Vegas Convention Schedule.

DISTRICT AND CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE

1. Granted the clubs impacted by Hurricane Maria from Multiple District 51 (Puerto Rico) protective status through April 9, 2018.
2. Approved redistricting proposals from Multiple District 20 (New York), Multiple District 105 (Great Britain and the British Isles), Multiple District 410 (South Africa), District 322 B (India) and District 403 A2 (Western Africa). Approved redistricting proposals from District 316 A (India), District 316 H (India), and 3232 B (India) contingent upon a minimum of 35 clubs and 1,250 members in each proposed new district attaining good standing prior to December 31, 2017.
3. Approved additional funding in the amount of \$147,000 for the development and expansion of the women's initiative, which will be launched next fiscal year.

FINANCE AND HEADQUARTERS OPERATION COMMITTEE

1. Approved the FY 2017-2018 1st Quarter Forecast, reflecting a deficit.
2. Approved amendments to the Board Policy Manual related to the General Travel and Reimbursement Policy.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. Approved the curriculum plan, schedule, and group leader team for the 2018 District Governors-Elect Seminar.





MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

1. Approved three applications for PR grants, one for Multiple District LB (Brazil) in the amount of \$6,000, one for Single District 50 (Hawaii) in the amount of \$2,500, and one for Single District 415 (Algeria) in the amount of \$2,500.
2. Received approval by the Finance and Headquarters Operation Committee for funding to support two new advocacy days in India and the Republic of Korea, in the amount of \$295,400 to cover the one-year total cost of the India program and the three-year total cost of the Korea program.
3. Revised Chapter XIX, Official Protocol of the Board Policy Manual to reflect the new Global Action Team (GAT) structure and a modification to the order of placement for the Past Council Chair role.
4. Revised Chapter XIX, Paragraph D of the Board Policy Manual to support new contest procedures. Furthermore, deleted in its entirety Chapter XIX, International Contest Rules to support new contest procedures.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. Extended the "Welcome Home" pilot program to June 30, 2019.
2. Adopted a rule that prohibits a New Club Consultant from also serving on the Global Action team, effective July 1, 2018.
3. Revised Chapter X, Paragraph A.5.a. of the Board Policy Manual to permit more flexibility in allowing a new club to request alternative naming convention beyond starting with its local municipality.
4. Updated the Board Policy Manual to reflect the previously approved increase of entrance fees from \$25 to \$35 for entrance fees for both new and charter members.
5. Revised Chapter XVII, Paragraph C.4 of the Board Policy Manual to permit Leo to Lion Members and Student Members to report data and information via MyLCI in addition to paper submissions.
6. Revised Chapter X, Paragraph A.3 of the Board Policy Manual related to the timing of charter fees to allow clubs adequate time to pay for additional charter members approved and added in the first 90 days.

7. Amended Chapter X, Paragraph C.3 of the Board Policy Manual in order to allow the Membership Development Committee to approve club protests via poll in order to resolve protests in a timelier manner.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

1. Awarded an additional 2016-2017 Leos of the Year Award.
2. Changed the service framework platform area of "Pediatric Cancer" to "Childhood Cancer".
3. Updated Leo Multiple District and District Officer qualification and election process.
4. Adjusted Chapter XXIV, Paragraph B.2. of the Board Policy Manual to amend the Global Action Team international structure to add a third vice chairperson.
5. Revised Chapter XXII, Paragraph A.17 of the Board Policy Manual to update the Leo Club Program Advisory Panel qualification and nomination process.

For more information on any of the above resolutions, please refer to the LCI website at www.lionsclubs.org or contact the International Office at 630-571-5466.



VOTING AT 2018 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Voting for Executive Officers and International Directors

Every Lions club in good standing can participate in the election of executive officers and international directors and can vote on amendments to the association's bylaws by assigning delegates to represent the club at the international convention.

At the International Convention certification and voting will occur at the same time in the convention Voting Area. As soon as you are certified, you will receive a ballot and will be able to vote immediately. Certification and Voting days and times are:

- **Sunday**, July 1, 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM (13:00 – 17:00)
- **Monday**, July 2, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (9:00 – 17:00)
- **Tuesday**, July 3, 7:00 AM – 10:30 AM (7:00 – 10:30)

Assigning Club Delegates

Club Delegates for the 2018 International Convention of Lions Clubs can be assigned by the club president or secretary, using one of the options below:

- Log on to MyLCI >>> My Lions Club >>> International Delegates
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Clubs using MyLCI can assign their club delegates at any time between January 1 and June 27, 2017.

Clubs using the Club Delegate Form to assign their delegates will need to mail the form to International Headquarters by May 1, 2018. If you are not able to mail the form by May 1, 2018, bring the signed form to the convention site. The form will also be available online.

For more information on voting at the International Convention go to
<http://lciicon.lionsclubs.org/EN/seminars-events/certification-voting.php>

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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CLUB DELEGATE ENTITLEMENT TABLE

Membership	Delegates Entitled	Membership	Delegates Entitled	Membership	Delegates Entitled
1-37	1	263-287	11	513-537	21
38-62	2	288-312	12	538-562	22
63-87	3	313-337	13	563-587	23
88-112	4	338-362	14	588-612	24
113-137	5	363-387	15	613-637	25
138-162	6	388-412	16	638-662	26
163-187	7	413-437	17	663-687	27
188-212	8	438-462	18	688-712	28
213-237	9	463-487	19	713-737	29
238-262	10	488-512	20	738+	See below*

Delegate count is based on the club's membership as shown by the records of the international office on the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the convention is held. See Article VI, Section 2 of the International Constitution and Chapter XVII – Membership, Board Policy Manual.

**Delegate entitlement is one delegate for every 25 members or major fraction thereof.*

CLUB DELEGATE FORM



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Club City: State:.....

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Delegate Name:(first middle last)

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Clubs using MyLCI must assign their club delegates by June 27, 2018.



Lincoln Lions Help to Save Lives



PICTURED: The Lincoln Lions prostate cancer awareness event

Lincoln Lions held a Prostate Cancer Awareness event recently, at the St Mary le Wigford Church in Lincoln, thanks to the Rev Jeremy Cullimore.

Lion members and three student volunteers walked up and down Lincoln High Street (in the pouring rain) publicising the event and encouraging men to be tested that day. Six nurses volunteered to do the testing.

Some 162 men were tested, using the 'traffic light' system and this identified 16 men in the red category and eight in the amber category; these men all received letters with their results.

These results prove how essential it is, that all men over 50 should be tested, so Lincoln Lions Club are planning a second prostate cancer awareness event later this year. The event cost them £3,000 to stage, but it is such a worthwhile project that can help to save lives.

Harrogate Lions in Noah's Ark



Through the generosity of Harrogate Lions, Richard and Catherine Maguire have been able to build a garden at home to enable their four year-old son, Noah, who was diagnosed with a rare neurological condition, cerebellar hypoplasia to play safely outdoors. The garden gives Noah the freedom to play upright without being supported and also enables him to move around independently using hand rails to support him, in order to achieve his long term-goal of walking.

Catherine Maguire said: "Harrogate Lions really have made our vision of a safe outdoor space for Noah a reality and it's already having a big impact on his mobility."

▶ **PICTURED:** (L-R) Bob Norris, Steve Caldwell, Stewart Reid, Carol Houseman, Joan Norris, James Mason, Catherine Maguire, Richard Maguire and taking centre stage, Noah

Flint Lions

Flint and District Lions have received a defibrillator from Welsh Hearts, a charity that places the live-saving devices in communities, this one is to be installed at Flint library. Soon, members of the Flint community will be given defibrillator and CPR training from Welsh Hearts. Flint Town Council thanked the Lions and those who had supported their efforts to provide such a valuable piece of equipment for the town.

▶ **PICTURED:** Flint Lions President, Bryn Jones presents a defibrillator to Nick Aitkin of Welsh Hearts. They were joined by the Flint Mayor, Councillor Vicky Perfect, Lions Peter Leach, John Williams, Geoffrey Mitchell and John Gregory, Flint library Manager, Susannah Hill, MD of Aura Leisure, Mike Welch and Welsh Hearts Ambassador, Anthony Parry





Hemel Hempstead Defibrillators

Hemel Hempstead Lions have donated two defibrillators to Longdean School. At the presentation, Longdean School's Chief First Aider, Debbie Wilkins, said: "The reality is that in the UK, 12 young people die each week after suffering a cardiac arrest. Of these, 270 children will die at school each year. The only definitive treatment for a victim of cardiac arrest is early CPR and defibrillation. This must be administered within three to five minutes following collapse to give a fighting chance of survival; making it imperative to have a defibrillator on site."

"We now have three defibrillators and we hope this means we are well equipped to offer vital life-saving assistance if it is ever needed."

Headteacher, Graham Cunningham, thanked Hemel Hempstead Lions for donating the equipment, which is fully automatic and can be used by whoever is first on the scene.



PICTURED: Lion President, Barbara Daniels, and Lion Terry Allen presenting two defibrillators to Longdean School

Defibrillators

Many Lions Clubs supply automated external defibrillators (AEDs) for their community, they are used to treat ventricular fibrillation in sudden cardiac arrest and should be used in conjunction with cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

An AED is a portable device that checks the heart rhythm, then if required, it can send electric shocks to the heart to try to restore a normal rhythm, unfortunately, if someone has a sudden cardiac arrest, their chance of survival falls by around seven to 10 percent with every minute that defibrillation is delayed.

Their life-saving properties are well documented and have been sold for over 60 years. These days, they are very user friendly, in fact it is said that anyone over the age of seven can be trained to use them successfully.

Using an AED is an easy two-step operation:

1. Turn it on
2. Stick the pads on patient's chest (in the positions shown on the diagram on the machine), it then does the rest automatically; it decides IF to shock, WHEN to shock and at WHAT POWER to shock at for best results. It also 'talks' the user through the entire process and gives help with CPR placing, depth and rate.

See more at: www.aadefib.com

Sale Certificates

Sale and District Lions Club work with the Starlight Unit, the children's unit at Wythenshawe Hospital to ensure each child receives a certificate at the end of their stay in hospital.

Then in October, the Club presented a wooden gazebo to the burns unit at the hospital for the benefit of patients as part of the Centenary celebrations.

PICTURED: Geoff Homer and Helen Tawil from Sale and District Lions Club with nursing staff from the Starlight Unit



PICTURED: Sale and District Lions with medical staff from the burns unit, Chief Executive, Silas Nicholls and Mike Kane MP



Lion Brian A.F. Yeoman BEM

Lion Brian Yeoman, from Bramley and Wickersley Lions Club was awarded the British Empire Medal in the Queen's New Year Honours list

The British Empire Medal (BEM) is granted in recognition of 'meritorious civil or military service' and awarded for a 'hands-on' service to the local community. This could be a long-term charitable or voluntary activity, or innovative work of a relatively short duration that has made a significant difference.

Brian joined Spelthorne Lions Club (Surrey) in October 1974 and was the Club's first PRO officer. In 1979 he became a Cabinet Member and Sight Officer, and in 1980, was made Club President.

He was Zone Chairman in 1986 and Deputy District Governor the following year. Brian continued to serve on the 105 A Cabinet until he moved to Yorkshire in January 2000, when he transferred to the Rotherham Lions Club in 105 C.

Throughout his Lionistic career, Brian has served in most Club positions, and has served the MD as Sergeant-at-Arms and Convention Officer. He has also helped to form seven Clubs, including his present Club; Bramley and Wickersley.

HUMBLED

In a report that appeared in the Rotherham Advertiser, Brian is quoted as being 'very humbled' at being given this award. He said that he found it really difficult to keep his secret after being told about it weeks before the announcement.

He said: "I feel I am accepting [the BEM] on behalf of LCI and the members of Bramley and Wickersley, because over the few years since we formed we have become very well respected."

Brian added: "Bramley and Wickersley Lions have collected fund for the LCI campaign around preventing blindness, as well as helping to maintain the flowerbeds outside Bramley cemetery."

The citation reads: 'For Services to Lions Clubs International and the Community of Bramley, Wickersley.' Brian received congratulations from all over the world.

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We need **YOU!**

I could just say that this is your AGM, we need your input, and as I am writing, Council Chairman Balvinder Singh Sokhi is working on producing an engaging business programme for us.

However, this Bank Holiday weekend can be so much more for you.

AT THE HOTEL

For those not taking part in the business sessions or those wanting a break the hotel has a superb spa, gym and two swimming pools. There is no tennis however, because as the Host Committee Chairman Lion Mike Hendy said in December, we are using the courts as our convention venue!

CLOSE BY

If you want retail therapy there is shopping within walking distance (Chineham Shopping Centre) and shopping in

Basingstoke town centre with a supersize mall at Festival Place, not to mention all the other towns within easy reach.

AROUND AND ABOUT

And then you can take the opportunity while you are with us in District 105D to see something of this lovely and historic area.

Our partners' trips take you to the ancient city of Winchester, the former capital of Wessex, with tours of the ancient city or the Cathedral in Winchester; or of course, you could go independently and set your own programme.

FURTHER AFIELD

Further afield but still within easy distance there are the sights of the New Forest and Jurassic coast, the National Motor Museum at Beaulieu, the Jane Austen museum, the dockyards in Portsmouth (visit the Spinnaker Tower and stand on the glass floor if you have the nerve – lovely view down), and the majesty of Windsor. Or visit Highclere Castle, the setting for Downton Abbey, which is open on Sunday 6th to Tuesday 8th May. Easy to fit some of those in, particularly if you take advantage of the Bank Holiday to extend your visit – but you could spend weeks here and not see it all.

All too much to cover here, but we'll be delighted to tell you more when you come to visit us.

Steve Spencer, MD105
Convention 2018 Host Committee



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PRESIDENT'S SIGHT MESSAGE

It Takes Vision

Namaste!

Lions have been Knights of the Blind since Helen Keller's famous 1925 call to arms, working to end preventable blindness and visual impairment. However, it's important to remember that Keller was not casting the blind as fairytale maidens in need of rescue. She quite clearly wanted Lions to help the blind community integrate into the world. For Lions, service ends when the people served can serve their families and community.

She said: "The time has come to regard the work for the sightless as a whole, in which the kindergarten, the school, the library, the workshop, the home for the aged blind, and prevention are seen to be parts of a great movement with one end in view, namely making life more worth living for the blind everywhere."

She could not have imagined how different normal life would be nearly 100 years later, but like any great thinker, her directive remains relevant. How do we help the blind to truly integrate into the world? And how do we help prevent or reverse the varied causes of blindness?

“For Lions, service ends when the people served can serve their families and community”

WE CAN HELP IN MANY WAYS

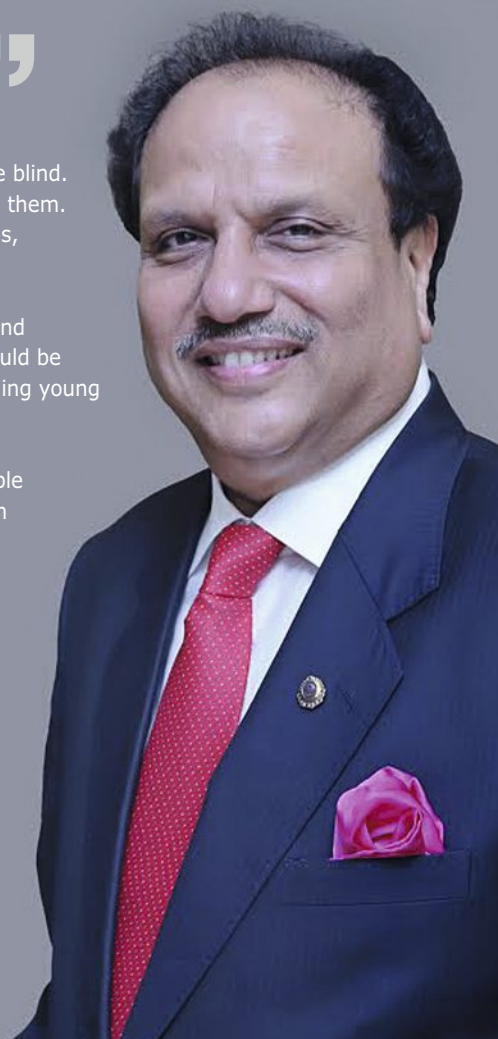
We create assistive technologies that make everyday functions more accessible to the blind. And we help make sure those technologies are available to the very people who need them. If it isn't affordable, it isn't accessible. There are many ways we can help – guide dogs, electronic canes, mobile apps, inclusive social events, etc.

We use our network and collective expertise to identify promising areas of scientific and medical research in which to invest. I urge your Club to plan a project in Sight – it could be surgeries (cataract, trachoma, diabetic retinopathy) or recycling eyeglasses or screening young kids for refractive errors or any other type of project in this area.

This is what we do. In the last three and a half years, we have served 29 million people in the area of Sight, involving over 26 thousand Clubs worldwide. As I write this, I am in South America where we have served 600,000 people in the area of River Blindness (Onchocerciasis).

We know that great advances don't happen without backing by people who have the vision to believe in the end goal. People who see in the light have sight. People who see in darkness have vision. It takes bravery to back new ideas and to actively seek out people who may need help rather than wait for them to find us. But Lions are brave. It takes vision to create change. And all Lions — sighted or not — have vision.

Dr. Naresh Aggarwai
Lions Clubs International President



An End to Getting Frustrated with your Smartphone

Finally discover how to get it to do what you want, easily
(and find out what else you can do with it, too)

At last, using your smartphone can be easy, simple and stress-free. Find out how...

Modern mobile phones - smartphones as they're called - can do so much more than just make phone calls.

From browsing the web wherever you are, checking train times, acting as a sat nav... And best of all they can make it so easy to keep in touch with family and friends – in so many ways, from sharing photos to making video calls.

But using them isn't always as easy as you'd want – and that's putting it mildly!

Do the manufacturers do it on purpose?

Sometimes it can seem like the manufacturers deliberately make them complicated - and how you do things is often hidden away. It might be easy once you know, but until you've been shown the easy way, it can drive you mad.

In fact only yesterday I was talking to someone whose Mum had got a new all-singing-all-dancing phone – but she couldn't work out how to answer a phone call on it! She's not daft - it's just that it's different from what she'd used before and the phone didn't come with a manual telling her what to do.

Whether you have similar problems or you're trying to do something slightly more advanced, the thing is, it can be easy to use them... once you know how. But until you've been shown, it can be like talking a different language.

That's why I've published two new books: *iPhones one Step at a Time* and *Android Smartphones One Step at a Time*.

Plain English... and that's not all

They explain how to use the phone, in plain simple language with pictures of the screen showing you exactly where to tap or slide your fingers. No jargon!

What's covered?

I can't list it all here. But amongst other things, you'll discover:

- How to use it as a sat-nav... in the car or even on foot.
- Send emails from your phone.
- Most phones have a good camera so you can take photos: here's how to



use it properly (and for videos).

- Share photos with friends around the world - quickly and easily.
- See updates, photos and video clips from friends and family - as soon as they "post" them.
- Take your music (and radio) anywhere - and how to play it through a decent speaker.
- Make it easier to read the screen.
- Video phone calls - a great way to keep up with family who live a long way away
- Browse the web at home or out and about.
- And obviously, you can make phone calls and send and receive text messages. ("Voicemail" is covered, too)

All explained nice and simply. (Find out more in the free information pack - read on...)

What one reader had to say:

"Thanks for a fantastic smart phone book. Very pleasant staff as usual.

I think this book should be sold with every smart phone. I have learnt so much from it, the info you get with the phone is non-existent. Smart phones are quite complex, and your books speak in plain English."

Only half the story

That's only half the story but I don't have room to explain here. I've put



*Suitable for iPhones and Android phones like Samsungs, and so on
(not sure what phone you have?)
Best send off for the free info pack)*

together full information on the books - who they're for, what they cover and so on.

What's more the books also come with a free gift - no room to explain that here either.

Don't buy now, do this instead

The books aren't available in the shops or on Amazon – only direct from the publisher. Send off now to get a completely free, no-obligation information pack. It'll explain what the books cover, who they're suitable for and so on – showing you just how it could help you.

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Aiming High at Christmas

Aiming High is a Blackpool charity that cares for children who suffer from either a mental or physical disability. The children are supervised at all times by qualified staff but Aiming High relies heavily on funding from outside sources.

Fleetwood and Cleveleys Lions presented a cheque and joined in the fun at Aiming High's Christmas party, which was held at Blackpool Football Club in December.



PICTURED: (L-R) Lions Caroline Beresford, Tamara Friedrich and Emma Hadleys

Warwick Lions Brave the Elements

The annual Christmas can collection by Warwick Lions has been a feature of the Club's programme for over 40 years and last year, on a day that produced the first serious snowfall of the winter and much of Warwickshire was paralysed, Club members braved the elements to collect donations of food from the doorsteps of local residents. The food was then made up into 150 food parcels for needy families.

Some Lions and a Giraffe Spotted in Morpeth

When it came to raising funds for Cleaswell Hill School's hydro pool fund, Lions were joined by Georgia the giraffe.

£35,000 has been raised towards the target of £500,000 and Morpeth Lions (and Georgia) will help as much as they can.

Early last year, Morpeth Lions introduced Georgia to the school. She is a Decopatch® model that has been converted into a huge collection can, she is often seen when students from the SA Performing Arts Centre (formerly Sage Academy) are performing.

Recently, the SA students sang a selection of Christmas songs and carols in Morpeth's Sanderson Arcade. Despite a bitterly cold wind they soon warmed up the shoppers and in less than an hour, collected nearly £140.

The hydro pool will be an invaluable treatment resource to many of the pupils there. During the past year, almost



PICTURED: Students from SA Performing Arts Centre with members of the Lions Club of Morpeth and Georgia the giraffe



PICTURED: Bletchley Lions' shoe boxes packed and ready to go

Boxes of Presents

Bletchley Lions have filled shoe boxes with Christmas gifts for children in Romania, these were added to the other shoe boxes filled by Lions Clubs in the UK to be delivered to the children in time for Christmas.

The shoe boxes are labelled for boys or girls and are in age groups. Gifts inside include scarves, gloves, socks, hats, writing materials, games, playing cards, toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorants, combs, mirrors, make up, hairbrushes, toiletries, school stationery, sketch pads and pens and pencils.

Bags of Help

PICTURED: Drop off instructions »

Stowmarket Lions teamed up with one of their Lions charities before Christmas; the Stowmarket Foodbank. They had 1,000 carrier bags printed with a shopping list on one side and details of where shoppers could take the full bags for the foodbank on the other.

The bags also listed shops where local residents could see Santa, his sleigh and Stowmarket Lion elves on Saturdays in December as part of the 13 night tour to collect for local charities.

Fundraising Chairman and Santa Sleigh Tour Manager, Lion Kev Parker, said: "We have been doing this for over 20 years now and each year we receive a fabulous welcome from the people of Stowmarket, Needham Market and Stowupland."

"We receive letters welcoming Santa and mince pies but most of all, we receive smiles as we spread good cheer to everyone we meet. They respond magnificently to support the work we do helping those less fortunate than ourselves in our local community. Last year we collected just under £7,000."

Stowmarket Lions helped over 90 Lions charities last year thanks to the generous support of the people of Stowmarket.

PICTURED: The Stowmarket shopping list on the bag »



PICTURED: Stowmarket Santa

Stowmarket Foodbank

Supporting individuals and families in crisis

When you have shopped, please drop me (this shopping bag) off at our main Foodbank Centre at Hillside Community Centre, Hillside, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 2BD or at one of the following

Stowmarket & Area Foodbank collection points:

- Shelland Church, The Green, Shelland, Suffolk IP14 3JE
- Needham market community centre, School street, Needham Market, Ipswich IP6 8BB
- Citizens advice bureau, 5 Milton Road South, Stowmarket, Suffolk IP14 5EE
- Stowmarket town council office, Milton house, Milton road South, Stowmarket, Suffolk IP14 1EZ
- St Peters & St Marys church, Station road west, Stowmarket, Suffolk IP14 1ES
- Salvation army, Violet hill road, Stowmarket, Suffolk IP14 1NH
- United reformed church, Ipswich street, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 1AD
- Stowmarket Methodist church, Regents street, Stowmarket, IP14 1JR
- St Marys Church, Church Road, Combs Ford, Stowmarket
- Our lady's catholic church, Stricklands Road, Stowmarket, Suffolk IP14 1AW
- Gislegham village store, Gislegham, Suffolk
- St Marys Church, Gislegham, Suffolk
- St Mary, the virgin church, Tailors green, Bacton, Suffolk IP14 4LN
- St Andrews church, Wickham Skeith, Suffolk
- Holy trinity church, Church Road, Stowupland, Suffolk IP14 4BQ
- Cotton Methodist church, Cotton, Suffolk IP14 4NB
- Old Newton Methodist church, Chapel road, Old Newton, Suffolk, IP14 4PP

OR WITH ONE OF OUR FABULOUS SUPPORTERS:

- TESCO SUPERSTORE - Cedars Link Road, Stowmarket IP14 5BE
- ASDA SUPERMARKET - Wilks Way, Stowmarket IP14 1DE
- COMBS FORD COOP - Combs Lane, Combs Ford, Stowmarket IP14 2DA
- ELMSWELL COOP - Ashfield Road, Elmswell IP30 9HG
- HAUGHLEY COOP - Old Street, Haughley, Stowmarket IP14 3NX
- NEEDHAM MARKET COOP - 30 Barking Road, Needham Market IP16 8ET
- LAMBERTS GARAGE - Shop Green, Bacton, Stowmarket IP14 4LG

THANK YOU SO MUCH !

Stowmarket Foodbank

Supporting individuals and families in crisis

Hillside community centre, Stowmarket, Suffolk
IP14 2BD Tel: 01449 774000
E mail: office@livingit.org.uk

Website: <http://www.livingit.org.uk/foodbank/>
Registered Charity No: 1074780

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SHOPPING LIST TO SUPPORT INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN CRISIS
IN AND AROUND STOWMARKET

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| () Packets of Cakes | () Tomatoes - Tinned |
| () Twin packs of sponge puddings | () Packets of Jelly |
| () Granulated sugar | () Packets of Angel Delight |
| () Milk (Long life) | () Pasta sauce / Cup-A-Soups |
| () Fruit juice (Long life) | () Jam, marmalade |
| () Spaghetti - Tinned | () Peanut butter / marmite |
| () Meat - Tinned | () Teabags / coffee |
| () Vegetables - Tinned | () Hot chocolate |
| () Fruit - Tinned | () Bottles of squash |
| () Rice pudding - Tinned | () Instant mash |
| () Potatoes - Tinned | () Custard / tinned puddings |
| () Carrots - Tinned | () Toiletries & toilet rolls |

THANK YOU SO MUCH !



These bags are proudly sponsored by Lions Club of Stowmarket & District supporting the great work of Stowmarket & Area Foodbank



Tavistock's Trees of Light

Tavistock's Lion President, Paul German, turned on the lights on this year's Trees of Light on the front of Tavistock Town Hall. The lights have been sponsored by people in memory of their departed loved ones. This was the 19th year for the trees, which so far, have raised more than £90,000 for local charities. Last year,

the Club chose CLIC Sargent and the local branches of Marie Curie and Parkinsons UK to receive the money. A local funeral company, Morris Bros. (Tavistock) Ltd. covered all the costs of the event, which ensured that all the money donated went to the nominated charities.

Busy Time for Redruth and Camborne Lions

Camborne Redruth & District Lions finished last year's fundraising activities with three Christmas events.

The well attended Christmas fayre at Heathcoat's Social Club included entertainment from the RedYouth junior section dancing group, stalls with splendid Christmas gifts and Father Christmas.

Then in collaboration with Bid Camborne, the Lions took Father Christmas to Dyland's Bear Necessities shop in Camborne where, on the five Saturdays leading up to Christmas, he and his elves invited children into his grotto for a chat and a present.

Every year at Christmas, Camborne Redruth & District Lions have an agreement with Tesco Camborne, which allows them to ask customers to donate food for food parcels for needy families. Tesco give the Lions three days for the collection which has always been enough time to get a good response from the public. Last year though was outstanding, because in only two days, enough food was donated to make up the required 35 parcels.

Lion President, Paul Bray, was delighted with the results of the Club's Christmas events that raised £1,500 for the Club's charity account.



PICTURED: The first visitor to Santa's grotto, Stephanie



'Preloved' Christmas Party

Lions activities in the run up to Christmas often include a party in addition to the traditional Santa runs and carol concerts etc. However, Christmas party dances can lose their attraction, particularly if they follow a similar theme every year.

Charity shops now have a great choice of quality clothes – some you might want to buy for a one off occasion, or some just because you like them. Southwell and District Lion, John Horsfall MBI (Many Brilliant Ideas), came up with the concept of combining the two with their 'Preloved Christmas Party'.

The idea was embraced by Beaumont House Community Hospice who have a charity shop in Southwell. The Hospice needs to raise approximately £750,000 per annum to provide the support that they give to the local community, and even the proceeds from a modest event helps.

All that was needed was for the party-goers to buy an outfit, or an item from the charity shop and wear it to the event. Most took to this idea, with some buying one or more outfits, whilst the more reserved only bought a scarf or a gift item. The Club ran a series of fashion parades for the elegant, not so elegant and other categories, with each table voting by holding up the number cards. The winners of each category delved into Santa's sack for a lucky dip prize. The prizes were all unrepeatable but not necessarily that desirable, as most of these had come from the shop store cupboard.

The fundraising team from Beaumont House were extremely supportive, not only giving the Lions the chance to rummage

through some of the hidden gems (?) to wear, but also acting as the catwalk commentators. Their enthusiasm and genuine good humour on the night really added to the fun.

The real entertainment came from the audience who displayed their glorious fashion items in the various parades around the room, hamming it up brilliantly. The taste ranged from smart, not so smart, cross-dressing and even a clown costume, all bought from the charity shop.

As an inaugural event, it went exceedingly well, but not exactly to plan as the organisers had no idea of timing etc. All the participants took this as part of the charm of the evening and had a great time.

What was the result? They kept all the sales tags from the items bought for a raffle at the end of the evening. The prices on the tags amounted to over £600, meaning that the charity shop earned £600 in sales that arose directly from the evening. A further £600 was raised from the ticket money, a mini quiz and an end of evening auction of items from the shop.

Whilst the £1,200 contribution is only a small amount in relation to Beaumont House's annual requirements, every little helps, plus the evening raised the profile of the charity and Lions in the local community.

Some of the items are bound to be returned to the shop for resale again. Recycling at its best.



PICTURED: Stylish and elegant Lions. All dressed by Beaumont House Community Hospice shop



PICTURED: Some of the catwalk models at the Southwell and District Lions 'Preloved Christmas Party'

Tring tra-la, tra-la

With the help of some mild weather, an estimated 1,000 plus people turned up for the Tring Lions Carol singing on Christmas Eve. This event, which has been running for a number of years now, attracted families and their friends from far and wide and for many, this event was the start of Christmas.

The music was provided by the Vale Symphonic Wind Band and the singing was led by Janice Bentley.

The event organiser, Lion Derek Grant, commented that in all the years that Tring Lions had been organising the event, this was the biggest attendance that he could remember.

Although this was a free event, the people of Tring generously make donations and this year they donated over £1,500 with the net proceeds being split between Home-Start Hertfordshire and Rennie Grove Hospice.



PICTURED: Santa Popped up in Birchwood

Pop up Santa

Birchwood Lions abandoned their sleigh in favour of a pop up grotto when Santa came to visit. The grotto popped up in over a dozen locations, both indoors and out, during last November and December and it brought joy to children and adults alike. It also kept Santa and his elves warm and sheltered!

Food, Glorious Food

The great people from Elmhurst Energy Systems Ltd in Lutterworth decided to turn the idea of the advent calendar on its head.

Instead of opening a 'door' and receiving a gift each day, they each donated an item of food to the foodbank box in their reception.

The food was then handed over to Oadby & Wigston Lions Club and added to the bags of food left out by the kind residents of the Fairfield Estate, Wigston, and as you see from

the picture, even the snow and cold did not deter the Lions from hunting out the food parcels.

This annual collection allows the Club to make up food parcels which they then deliver to individuals and families who need extra help with their food supply over Christmas.

PICTURED: Chris Huscroft, Oadby & Wigston Lions Foodbank Co-ordinator, Theresa Johnston, Elmhurst organiser, Richard Darlaston, Oadby & Wigston Lions President, Stephen O'Hara, Elmhurst Chairman and Lion Kevin Loydall



PICTURED: Lions hunting in the snow



PICTURED: Chris Huscroft, Oadby & Wigston Lions Foodbank Co-ordinator, Theresa Johnston, Elmhurst organiser, Richard Darlaston, Oadby & Wigston Lions President, Stephen O'Hara, Elmhurst Chairman and Lion Kevin Loydall

Everyone Deserves a Present

North Wolds Lions Club members in East Yorkshire were concerned to hear that a local lady with her guide dog were prevented from going near a Santa's grotto at a garden centre that she was visiting in Lincolnshire. The East Yorkshire Club contacted the lady and invited her and her guide dog to visit their grotto at the Eastfield Garden Centre in Bridlington. So Holly and her guide dog, Olive, did meet Santa and Olive received a special Christmas present of doggie biscuits.



PICTURED: (L-R) Holly, Olive and Santa



Windermere & Ambleside Lions Club Jingle Bell Jog

On Sunday 17th December and undeterred by the cold, frosty morning and the wet weather, around 100 people took to the streets of Bowness, dressed in their festive outfits and completed the Jingle Bell Jog.

Organised by the Windermere & Ambleside Lions Club, this annual event puts the FUN into fundraising and encourages people to dress up in festive clothing and walk, jog or run around a short and scenic course. The turnout was impressive – and the costumes

even more so, they included some Santas, reindeer, snowmen, fairies, Christmas trees and even the ghost of Christmas past! This family event attracts people of all ages and abilities and is accessible for wheelchairs, pushchairs – and family dogs.

The whole community really got involved with this event, St John's Hospice provided the catering, Emma Robinson, a fitness instructor from the Low Wood Bay Health Club, provided a festive warm up. The Bryce Street

Strummers ukulele band provided the entertainment, the Mountain Massage Company offered free massages and Anytime Fitness in Kendal provided refreshments and goody bags to all the Jingle Bell Joggers, with help from Sight Advice South Lakes.

All entrants received a medal – and spot prizes were offered for the best dressed and most festive Jingle Bell Joggers.

PICTURED: Festive fun for all the family



PICTURED: Warm up

PICTURED: Still smiling despite the rain



Weymouth & Portland Lions Christmas Day Dip

A record 483 swimmers braved the elements for last year's Christmas swim netting over £4,000 for the Weymouth & Portland Lions Club Charity Fund.

Last year, over £20,000 was raised for national and local charities and the Club is hoping to beat that during 2018.

There is always a wonderful atmosphere of fun and goodwill at the Christmas Day dip, as whole families swim together to raise funds for their favourite charity. Many costumes were worn in addition to the usual Santa outfits, including the beautiful pink tutus you see in the picture, penguins, puddings, elves and manikins...

Hundreds of photographs have been posted to social media and the event was covered by local media. The

event caught the attention of the national press and the BBC and ITV posted pictures to their websites.

The first swim in Weymouth Harbour took place in 1948 as a bet between a publican and a taxi driver and it's has taken place every year since then. The Lions began to organise the swim in the early 1970s and it has grown considerably since then.



PICTURED: Christmas finery



Peace Poster Competition

For the past 30 years, Lions Clubs around the world have sponsored the Lions International Peace Poster Contest in their local schools and youth groups. This art competition encourages young people worldwide to express their visions of peace.

To celebrate the 30th anniversary, the competition was given an updated look to encourage every Lions Club to engage with the youth in their community.

The theme of the 2017-2018 Peace Poster Contest was 'The Future of Peace'. Pupils aged 11, 12 or 13 (as of 15th November 2017) were eligible to participate and each poster was

judged on originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme.

Posters go through several judging levels; local, district, multiple district and international. At the international level, judges from the art, peace, youth, education and media communities select one grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners.

All the district winners were judged at Lions HQ in Birmingham in November, where an overall UK winner was selected and sent off to Lions International HQ in Chicago for the International judging.

WINNING UK ENTRY

Sponsored by Clacton-on-Sea Lions Club, the winning artist, Mia Reed, aged 13, wrote: Peace isn't an object, it isn't something that we should put on a stand and admire, wishing we could have it. No, it's a verb. Something we should make happen as long as we put in enough effort to create it.

The second placed poster was sponsored by City of Liverpool Lions Club and the third place poster was sponsored by Balsall Common Lions Club.

Mia will now be invited to the UN Day at the Palace of Westminster in March to receive her prize.

« **PICTURED:** The winning MD peace poster, sponsored by Clacton on Sea Lions, 105 EA

PICTURED: The second placed peace poster sponsored by City of Liverpool Lions Club, 105 BN



PICTURED: The District 105 C peace poster entry



PICTURED: The District 105 A peace poster entry



**2ND PLACE
105 BN**



PICTURED: The District 105 BS peace poster entry



PICTURED: The District 105 D peace poster entry



3RD PLACE
105 M



PICTURED: The District 105 SE peace poster entry



PICTURED: The District 105 W peace poster entry



PICTURED: The third placed peace poster sponsored by Balsall Common Lions Club, 105 M



PICTURED: The District 105 E peace poster entry



PICTURED: The District 105 NE peace poster entry



PICTURED: The District 105 SW peace poster entry



ROAR 2017, Lions and 7billionideas – Inspiring a Generation to Think Big

Roar 2017 is an inspirational educational competition that aims to inspire children and young people to think big and dream even bigger about their ideas.

In December last year, with the education arm of our partners, 7billionideas, Lions Clubs across the south east ran the 'ROAR 2017' innovative ideas for schools' competition for the first time.

A presentation was given in each school meaning that more than 4,500 pupils heard about Lions Clubs and the schools' competition. All the schools then ran internal class competitions and the winning group from each school, the group that created the most inspirational, innovative idea, then went on to compete with 19 other schools across the south east of England.

The final competition for the 20 schools was held at the Millennium Seed Bank, Wakehurst Place, and was led by David Harkin, founder of 7billionideas.

Awards were presented for:

- the best poster, to Billingshurst Primary School for describing the entry;

- the best model, to Stone Cross Primary School for their design; and
- the best display stand, to Wisborough Green Primary School for the illustration of their innovative idea.

Following these, the main awards for first, second and third places for the most inspirational, innovative ideas were awarded to:

- First place, to Blackboys Primary School (trash to treasure);
- Second place, to Framfield Primary School (solar panels); and
- Third place, to Wonersh & Shamley Green School (Dyslexia pen).

Rebecca Hatrick, a teacher from Billingshurst Primary School said: "It's a fantastic opportunity for the schoolchildren to be involved. There has been such excitement in the classroom as the children have been buzzing with ideas about activities they

have been doing, loved sharing with one another and building their models and plans – a really successful activity.”

The ingenuity and scope of the designs were remarkable and the winning idea will be described and published in a book and made available to purchase on Amazon.

All those pupils that took part received a Lions Roar t-shirt, a certificate and a medal, as a memento of their hard work in what was a very interesting and inspiring day.

Here is a link to the video clip of this wonderful day so that you can share in the fun and the progress that Lions Clubs have made within schools:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ek_Hofvz0w

INSPIRING YOUNG MEMBERS

We all recognise that Lions need to modernise; particularly in their approach to youth and the ROAR project does that for us. Does it work and is it cost-effective? Just ask any of the 14 Clubs which were the early adopters this year:

- Billingshurst;
- Cranleigh;
- Eastbourne;
- Dartford;
- Guildford;
- Leatherhead;
- Maidstone;
- Malling;
- Paddock Wood;
- Southborough;
- Thanet;
- Uckfield;
- Woking; and
- Feltham (from District 105A).

Thank you to the Lions South East Foundation for their commitment and support to this project.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT ROAR

If you would like to know more, please get in touch with Lion David Skinner on: **01323 767656** or via email: **dajskinner@hotmail.com**



PICTURED: Overall winners – Blackboys Primary School



PICTURED: Instructions for the first exercise of the day – a competition to build the tallest tower from Marshmallows, spaghetti, Sellotape and string



PICTURED: The tallest tower winner at 92 cm was St Mary's Primary School, Billingshurst



Sensory Courtyard Awakens Children's Abilities

By Jamie Konigsfeld

The LCIF-funded Sensory Courtyard for children with special needs benefits whole families and it raises awareness of special needs within the community at the same time.



PICTURED: Zack plays in the Sensory Courtyard

A hallway of the Fremont Public Schools administration building in Fremont, Nebraska, has been transformed into an oasis. The Sensory Courtyard is an area dedicated to engaging all five senses. Home to a hobbit house, a fossil garden, a tree swing and even a 'Snoezelen Room,' the Sensory Courtyard is a sanctuary for children with a multitude of special needs; who might otherwise not be able to explore their world safely and comfortably.

Children, young adults and entire families enjoy the hands-on experiences of the courtyard. Basalt columns showcase the visual, tactile and audible properties of flowing water. Dancing lights and reflections soothe the spirit. As natural light filters through the glass ceiling, families gather at the sensory table to learn and play games together while listening to calming wind chimes.

"I love taking my son to there and seeing his face light up with each new sensation and sensory element. Looking around the courtyard, I see the smiles of children and parents. It's a beautiful experience," says Miranda Long of Fremont.

EXPLORATION

The courtyard encourages the exploration of new textures, promotes positive attitudes and inclusion and enriches educational and motor skills development. The courtyard also serves raises awareness of special needs within the community – from visual impairment and mobility limitations to tactile defensiveness. Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) awarded a \$75,000 grant to the Lions of District 38-O for the courtyard.

The courtyard includes Snoezelen Rooms, relaxing, multisensory environments





beneficial for children with autism, those with behavioural concerns, people with visual impairments and even older adults with cognitive disabilities. These rooms help reduce anxiety, stimulate reactions and encourage communication. Lights, sounds, textures and smells can be used to calm agitation or spur exploration.

"When you are given a diagnosis of autism, developmental delay or anything else that places your child in the special needs category, you quickly become overwhelmed by all the things that the doctors, family, friends and society tell you they can't do," says Summer Mau, a board member of the Autism Center of Nebraska. "I wanted to do everything I could for my children. The Sensory Courtyard gives us a fun family experience, free of judgment of the abilities my children lack. There are not many situations in our community where we get to experience things together as a family."

AYDEN'S STORY

Ayden Crom, 3, also has benefited from the courtyard. He is tactile defensive, which means that his body interprets the sensation of touch with fear, pain or discomfort. The pain of anything touching the soles of his feet was so great that he could walk only on his knees. Ayden's involuntary responses to touch kept him from meeting many developmental milestones for his age.

Initially, Ayden was unable to interact with many of the courtyard experiences. Sitting on the edge of the ball pit in the Snoezelen Room was all he could handle. But his teachers persisted, taking him back regularly over the next several weeks. He got a little bit closer to the ball pit each time, experimented with putting a toe in and eventually jumped in.

Now Ayden will sit in the pit and cover himself with the balls, rock on the horse, accept a ball in two hands and sit on a hard chair. He explores the fossil garden without fear and presses his feet against the squishy bottom of the mud hole. He's catching up on key developmental milestones and is now ready for preschool.

LION MARY

Lion Mary Robinson, the champion of the courtyard (see the box out section), dreams of expanding it to include even more hands-on sensory experiences. Camping, additional art or tasting activities or STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) exploration areas could be added.

PICTURED: The Mau family enjoys the courtyard



LION OVERCAME DIRE ILLNESS

A certified orientation and mobility specialist at Fremont Public Schools, Lion Mary Robinson teaches students who are blind and visually impaired. Robinson came up with the idea for the courtyard after learning about a young child who is blind, but made great strides when he began gardening with his mother. Robinson worked for three years with her John C. Fremont Lions Club, neighbouring clubs, local nonprofit organisations, artists, architects and the school board to bring her dream to life.

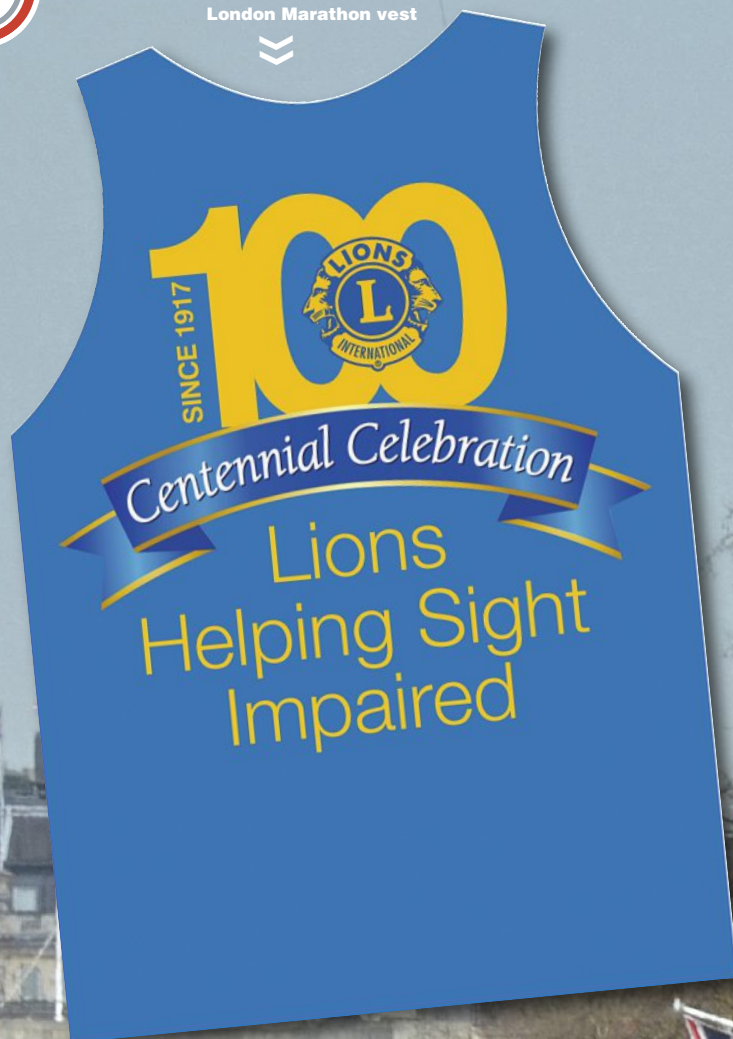
Only months before the courtyard was due to be unveiled, progress came to a screeching halt when Robinson received a devastating diagnosis. What she had written off as simple fatigue was, in fact, acute myeloid leukemia (AML). AML is a cancer of the blood and bone marrow; it is the most aggressive form of leukemia with the lowest survival rate.

Armed with a positive attitude, support from her family and community and her refusal to give up, Robinson fought for her life. Her treatment was aggressive, causing her to be very sick. But all the while, she kept a smile on her face.

The grand opening of the Sensory Courtyard was postponed while Robinson was being treated. After several rounds of chemotherapy, she was cancer-free, and the courtyard opened to rave reviews.



PICTURED: A 2017
London Marathon vest





Centennial Marathon Runners Raise Lions Profile

To celebrate the Centennial year Chester Lions offered their London Marathon 2017 Gold Bond places to Lions Clubs of the British Isles, as a whole.

Chester Lions is the only Lions Club in the British Isles to have Gold Bond guaranteed places in the London Marathon, one of the six world marathon majors.

On 23rd April 2017, 10 runners from around the UK ran in the London Marathon for 'Team Lions' wearing Centennial vests with the message 'Lions Helping Sight Impaired' and were supported by Lions and runners' families wearing Lions Centennial tabards, thus raising the profile of Lions at this BBC-televised event.

BLIND VETERANS, LLANDUDNO

Runners' times varied between three hours 44 minutes and six hours 24 minutes – a measure of the effort required, along with all the training and fundraising that they had done with Blind Veterans, Llandudno as the beneficiary.

Just over £27,000 was raised by the runners for the rehabilitation facilities at Llandudno for two specific projects to help to:

- equip and set up the Woodland Workshop ready for operation; and
- for specialist IT/digital equipment specified by Rehabilitation Officers as particularly helpful to blind and visually impaired people.

These projects will help develop skills, build confidence and potentially provide opportunities for employment in the future.

There will be a plaque on the Woodland Workshop to acknowledge this as a Lions Centennial Legacy Project.

The equipment required to get the Workshop up and running includes:

- electrical generator;
- electricity supply for light, heating, power lathe, workshop benches, power tool kit, specialised saws and a variety of specialist hand tools;
- open fronted, timber-framed building to sit adjacent to the Workshop for working outside in the summer months;
- path and external layout for easy access; and
- IT/digital equipment.

The project will be completed by the end of March with an official opening in April 2018.

PICTURED: The 2017 London Marathon medal



HUGE THANKS TO THE RUNNERS

Ian Turner, Tony Sykes, Laura Meston, Ayn Chatoo, Jamie Bradbury, Lee Speight, Scott O'Brien, Martin Booth, Helen Belkhodja and Alison Molton and all those who supported them.



PICTURED: Police Cadets from Cannock and Codsall at their Young Leaders in Service awards ceremony



PICTURED: Cadet Chloe Ward, with her silver Young Leaders in Service award

Young Leaders in Service Rewarded

At a ceremony held at Rodbaston Hall near Stafford, 22 Police Cadets from Cannock and Codsall received their Young Leaders in Service (YLIS) awards from the High Sheriff of Staffordshire and the 1st Vice District Governor of 105 BS, Lion Steve Talbot. The ceremony, which formed part of the Staffordshire Police Cadet Graduation Service, took place in front of the High Sheriff of Staffordshire, Humphrey Scott-Moncrieff, the deputy Chief Constable of Staffordshire and the cadets' proud parents. In addition to the YLIS Awards, the cadets also made their Attestations to the Staffordshire Police Service.

The event was one of a number of YLIS award ceremonies that DO Lion Rick Talbot and the Gnosall & Newport Lions Club will be taking part in. The first cadet unit was set up four years ago by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Staffordshire, Matthew Ellis, and the scheme is set to be rolled out nationwide.

According to Gnosall and Newport Lions, this is an ideal way to publicise Lionism and to attract Lions of the future. They suggest that Clubs across MD 105 could contact their local PCC Office, and get involved.

March Lions Young Leaders in Service Awards

Friday 12th January was a very special day for March and its young people. This was because 18 of them were picking up their Young Leaders in Service awards, which

demonstrated their sheer will and determination to help their local community.

The Young Leaders in Service awards recognises the time the young people have given up to help others. The majority of the awards were shared between members of YPM and 20 Twenty. One recipient amassed over 300 hours helping out in the local museum, his school library and St Mary's Church, March. This shows that young people just want to help in every way they can to make other young people's lives more enjoyable.



PICTURED: March Young Leaders in Service



Peace Poster Competition

Lion President, James Mason of Harrogate Lions Club, presented certificates and gift vouchers to Connie Smith and Freya Hoare of Rossett School recently. These two pupils were selected as winners from the 47 entrants that their school submitted entries to the Lions Peace Poster competition.

PICTURED: (L-R) Connie Smith, James Mason of Harrogate Lions Club and Freya Hoare



Lion Carol Houseman presented certificates and gift vouchers to Jools Barton, Josh Mulkeen and Daniel Greathead of St. John Fisher School, for their winning entries in the competition. Daniel Greathead went on to represent Harrogate Lions at the District event that was held in Doncaster in November 2017.

See the full report on the Peace Poster competition on page 40.



PICTURED: (L-R) Jools Barton, Carol Houseman, Josh Mulkeen and Daniel Greathead

NEW! Coningsby & Tattershall Leo Club

They are already making a name for themselves in the local community and the formation of Coningsby & Tattershall Leo Club has now been recognised with a formal celebration at Tattershall Village Hall.

A Leo Club is a young version of a Lions Club, with the focus on the individual and social development of members and the Leos make friends, have fun and learn about team work whilst serving their community. The Coningsby & Tattershall Leos have already made their mark with IT support sessions and gardening as well as helping the Lions with several activities.

SPONSORED SLEEPOUT

Leos put their heads together to come up with a novel idea to raise funds for charity and decided to hold a sponsored sleepout in aid of street children.

Night attire ranged from onesies worn with bobble hats to full arctic clothing.



PICTURED: Coningsby & Tattershall Leos

Despite the changeable weather, the group stuck it out all night (although not much sleeping and a lot of chatting went on!) and ended their ordeal with welcome bacon butties cooked by Lion Val.

Most of the Leos agreed that apart from the cold, it was a fun experience, and a very different one. Others were more

reflective and Leo Lauran said: "I now know how it would be to be on the street, and I appreciate all the belongings and the house I have."

The sleepout raised several hundred pounds for LCI to use to help street children in various locations around the world.



District 105 A Youth Celebration

The 10th District 105 A youth celebration party, held for disabled and disadvantaged young people at Allum Hall, Elstree, in November was another big success. More than 500 young people, carers, parents and Lions had a lovely time.

Many Leos, Lions and helpers arrived early on the Sunday morning to set up and by 12.30 the hall was beautifully transformed ready for a great party. The hall, stage, tables were all colourfully decorated in a 'super hero' theme.

There was plenty to keep the young guests happy and entertained and the DJ kept everyone dancing to music the whole afternoon. Balloon modellers were in demand with a long queue of excited children waiting for their favourite balloon shapes, while brilliant artists were kept busy with eagerly waiting children for their turn to be painted with a design of their choice. Two jovial clowns were busy entertaining the kids and all contributing to a fantastic, joyful atmosphere.

Lion Vijay Arora said: "We have received many emails saying that all those who came had a great time and look forward to being invited again next year.

"Together we touched many more lives through service and we would like to thank the following Clubs for supporting the event by sponsoring and booking tables: Aylesbury, Barking, Berkhamsted, Bicester, Biggleswade Sandy, Bletchley Milton Keynes, Chipping Barnet, Edgware, Enfield, Fairlop, Feltham & Whitton, Harrow & Pinner, Harpenden, Hayes & Harlington, Hemel Hempstead, High Wycombe, Hitchin, Kenton, Letchworth & Baldock, London Acton, London Belmont, London Central Host, London Chinatown, London Covent Garden, London Golders Green, London Hendon, London Hornsey, London Kingsbury, London Mill Hill, London Seven Kings, Milton Keynes Central, MK Stony Stratford, Moor Park, Newport Pagnell, Northwood, Redbridge Centennial, Royston, Ruislip, Stanmore, Stevenage Corey's Mill, Sudbury, Thame, Tring, Wanstead & Woodford, Watford and Wembley.

PICTURED:

1. The 10th District 105 A youth celebration party
2. Dancing the afternoon away
3. Thanking music maestros, Nimesh Padania and Dean Taylor
4. The perfect combination of food and balloons
5. A fantastic, joyful atmosphere
6. There was plenty to keep the young guests happy and entertained





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Lions Youth Achievement Award for Ashley

Ashley was nominated for his award by the Special Olympics Cornwall basketball team and according to Cambourne and Redruth Lions' Youth Officer, Lion Peter Cale, 16 year-old Ashley Kevern is a very motivated young man who is a deserving recipient of the Lion's Youth Achievement award.

Ashley lives with his mother and his older brother, Jamie, and attends Camborne School. He is also involved with KMF Radio in Redruth, where he made such an impression when doing his work experience from school there last summer, that he was offered a two-hour slot, which he does on Saturday lunchtimes.

Apart from basketball, which is his passion, Ashley also plays wheelchair basketball and was also involved with an Ability Counts football team.

Ashley's volunteer mentor, Nathan, his basketball coach, Steve Hillman and Special Olympics Chairman, David Painter were all effusive about Ashley's enthusiasm for sport and the support and help he gives to other members, as he is always on hand to lift their spirits if they are down. This was very apparent at the Special Olympics held in Sheffield last August, which Ashley said had been the best experience of his life. Ashley played for the Cornwall basketball team at the Games where they finished a commendable fourth out of the 12 teams competing.



PICTURED: (L-R) Lion President Paul Bray, Ashley Kevern, Janet Jervis (Ashley's mum), Special Olympics Chairman, David Painter, Jamie Kevern and Lion Youth Officer, Peter Cale



Talking Newspaper Goes Digital

The Northumberland Gazette is the weekly newspaper that residents of Alnwick and other nearby towns turn to for the latest local news and sports. For more than 30 years, it also has been the news source for those with visual impairments, thanks to Lions.

Alnwick Lions have faithfully read and recorded selected articles from the newspaper and diligently mailed tapes to 30 or so readers. Now they've moved into the digital age. A £3,000 grant from the Newcastle Building Society has paid for digital recording equipment so the Lions now post the articles on a memory stick.

The digital upgrade may enable the Club to produce more editions of the talking newspaper and to send it out to more people, says Lion Tom Deedigan.



PICTURED: Lions record stories from the Northumberland Gazette

Centennial Celebration Membership Awards

The Centennial Celebration Membership Awards provides all Lions and Lions Clubs the opportunity to earn special Limited Edition awards for inviting new members and helping to organise new clubs.

To find out more, visit: <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/awards/centennial-membership-awards/index.php>

How Alton Lions Commemorated the Centenary

Alton Lions commemorated the centenary in the run-up to Christmas with the installation of a specially commissioned and beautifully carved 'lions' bench at Alton Butts. Located at the town end of the green, the solid English oak bench has a Lion's head centrepiece with a lioness on one arm and her cubs on the other.

The work of local craftsman, Jonathan Cleaver, the bench was officially handed over to Alton Town Council on 14th December by Alton Lions President, Michael Gwynne, and received by Alton Town Mayor, Cllr Dean-Paul Phillips, in a ceremony also attended by a group of delighted children from The Butts Primary School.



PICTURED: Children from Butts School on the bench with Alton Lions standing at the back



PICTURED: Alton Lions' lions bench

Triple Centennial Celebrations in Ironbridge

Jim, the newest member of Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions, came up with an idea for a Centennial project. Then he came up with another two!

The Club backed his plans and worked to make all three projects a success.

First, they designed and made 100 eco-illuminated Christmas trees from recycled pallet wood, they were decorated with waterproof, battery-operated LEDs and were sold on the Club's website and on Facebook for £20 each. They sold out within three weeks.

Then, 100 wooden Father Christmas decorations were made, again using recycled wood. They were painted by a local craft group and returned to the Club to have their eyes and noses added. These also sold out very quickly.

The third and final Centennial project was to dress 20 teddies in Father Christmas outfits (courtesy of a local craft group, the Crafty Sew and Sews). Cards were then printed with 100 squares numbered 1 to 100. The cards and the teddies were placed in pubs, shops and hairdressers where customers were asked to pay £1.00 for a square of their choice for a chance to win the teddy. Selling all 100 squares resulted therefore in £100 raised by each teddy.



PICTURED: Ironbridge santas, one of the Club's Christmas money-makers



Wetherby Lions Townsperson of the Year 2017 Award

Margaret Dabell has won the prestigious Lions Wetherby Townsperson of the Year 2017 Award. She was presented with a beautiful silver salver and a framed certificate in front of an excited crowd at the town's Dickensian Market held before Christmas.

For over 25 years, Margaret has been the driving force of a band of Wetherby in Bloom volunteers who help to make

Wetherby such an attractive town to visit and they have won numerous awards.

The standard of nominations for the award were very high so Wetherby District Lions congratulate all those people who were nominated.

Wetherby and District Lions look forward to working with Margaret at joint events throughout this year too.



PICTURED: L-R) Christine Talbot, Calendar TV presenter, Norma Harrington, Wetherby Town Mayor, representative from Yorkshire Markets, Santa, Margaret Dabell (Wetherby Townsperson of the Year) and John Boulton, Wetherby and District Lions President



PICTURED: (L-R) Lion Dave Briggs, Lion Jim Harding, Steve Hepworth of Mi Living (award sponsor) and Lion President Bryan Rawlinson (The photograph is provided by kind permission of Scunthorpe Telegraph)

Scunthorpe Lions Triumph

At last year's North Lincolnshire Community Champion Awards, Scunthorpe Lions Club won the Community Project of the Year 2017 award for their Lions Centenary Garden project, which was opened in June 2017. The garden was built to mark the Centenary of Lions Clubs International, (as reported on page 17 of the August/September edition of Lion.)

Lion Jim Harding, Club President at the time of the project, said: "We are very proud to receive this award and as this garden matures, it will become a lasting tribute to our founder, Melvin Jones and to Lions everywhere."



Windsor Lions Celebrate 2017 Achievements in Style

Windsor Lions celebrated in style recently at the Guildhall, Windsor, with a presentation to over 100 guests, representing local charities, good causes and voluntary groups from all corners of the Windsor area, describing the Club's many achievements and successes during 2017. Light refreshments were served during the lively networking reception.

In the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress of the Royal Borough, the sound and video-based presentation, led by Lion Mark Fraser, spanned the year chronologically highlighting all the Club's achievements, describing Windsor Lions' fundraising events, help and support given to those groups in need, promotional events and the dozens of instances of service to the local community, such as:

- four defibrillators installed and £14,500 raised by the Windsor Community Project partnership;
- 40 Windsor Foodshare shifts;
- 28 bus drives for Mencap members;
- four new Windsor Lions members;
- 20 social events;
- 34 cases of community support delivered with £2,000 donated;
- 12 Leos (Lions of the future) recruited at Windsor Boys School; and
- £50,000 worth of charitable donations.

The proceedings were interspersed with some award presentations to both representatives of local charities and good causes benefiting from the Lions fundraising events, as well as the members of volunteering groups who had participated in them. Winners of the major 2017 initiatives: The Lion's Den, the Windsor Great Park Horseride and the Swimathon, received certificates and trophies.

More than £43,000 was presented to beneficiaries including:

- RDA;
- Thames Valley Adventure Playground;
- BlueAcre Stables;
- SportsAble;
- Chemogiftbags;
- Windsor Horse Rangers;
- Cancer Research UK;
- he Know How;
- Windsor Foodshare;
- Eden Day Unit; and
- Mencap.

Volunteering groups and other organisations who received awards included local Brownies and Guides, Slough Fostering Association, Clewer Green School, Winkfield St Mary's School and Family Action RBWM Young carers.

105D District Officer, Lion Dave Ebsworth, awarded a Lions Centenary badge to Windsor Lions, President Paul Maxwell, and gave a personal award to Lion Mike Sells for his excellent work for Windsor Lions.

Lion President, Paul Maxwell, thanked all volunteers, organisations and local charities who help and support the needy in the Windsor community. He said: "What a fantastic evening, and a great showcase of the work and support that Windsor Lions undertake and provide.

"We help to change the lives of hundreds of people in the Windsor area and we do that with fun and joy in our hearts. We are so grateful for the support we receive."

PICTURED: Awards reception



PICTURED: Alexa Hewitt won the Best Turned Out (Sunday, under 16) trophy at last summer's Windsor Great Park Horseride



PICTURED: (L-R) Lions Mike Sells and Dave Ebsworth with Lion President, Paul Maxwell



The Future of Peace

The most recent essay competition was created to offer an opportunity for visually impaired young people to express their feelings of peace. They were asked to write on the theme: The Future of Peace.

Council Chair, Lion Balvinder Sokhi, was head judge and he was pleased to announce that the winner was Tom Connell. Tom was sponsored by City of Liverpool Lions Club.

His essay is reproduced here:

The Future of Peace

By Tom Connell

In the future, peace will look like happiness. People will be playing together and leading happy lives. A happy life is one full of laughter, joy, kindness, respect and the giving and sharing of things.

The world has seen lots of wars, and where we are, in Europe, we enjoy a lot of peace. This is good. I hope that the peace can carry on into the future. From listening to the news, it makes me sad to hear of war. I feel sorry for the people who are really suffering. I try to look out for them, keeping them in my prayers. I know that people are trying to stop wars, and I hope that they can stop all of the arguing and fighting.

When asked to think about the future of peace, I thought about this. Peace means being quiet, and if things are quiet, it means there is no fighting. To create peace in the future, we need people to meet up and talk – to find ways to stop fighting. To do this, we have to realise that fighting is ridiculous – it is too much – there has

to be another way. People need to learn to say sorry and make up – to learn how to forgive and forget.

What we are looking for in the future is for people to be happy. In the future, I think that relaxation will be very important. When we feel relaxed, we feel at peace. We need to find more ways to make people relax. This could be by angelic music, or by jokes and people laughing – people getting on better.

In the future, I would like to see people being kind to each other – being nice, generous, and thoughtful. People need to be considerate of other peoples' ways – accepting that some people go one way, some people the other. We need to make fighting and arguing extinct, instead of our animals. It is very important to think of the animals in the future of peace. The animals are suffering from the same lack of respect as humans. This matters – the animals must be scared of people – we can't have this. Nothing should have to live in fear. The animals deserve peace too.

The planet needs peace also – from people who seem to want to hurt it – by polluting it – with our rubbish and our use of cars – it all hurts the world.

What we're trying to say is that we need to make the world a better place for the future – for everybody and everything.



LIBRA Announces 'The Great Bake'



Tree Of Life

The Lions International Blood Research Appeal (LIBRA) is pleased to announce the launch of The Great Bake 2018.

Following the success of The Great Spring Bake, an annual fundraising initiative since 2014, the charity has decided to run the campaign year-round.

Lions Clubs and individuals have supported the bake over the past four years, organising spring events. Now LIBRA hopes that the revamped Great Bake will provide limitless opportunities for those who wish to raise funds for its current Tree of Life Appeal.

NO LIMITS!

Trustee, Michael Adams, said: "The Great Bake will run throughout the year so there are no limits when it comes to holding a fundraising event. Great Bake events could be themed around Easter, St George's Day, the royal wedding, Halloween, Guy Fawkes Night, Christmas and so much more. "We hope that supporters will be inspired to organise a range of fun events, of all sizes. From coffee mornings and bake sales, through to summer garden parties and even guess the weight of the cake



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competitions – there is so much potential. Events can be held at anytime of year and in a location to suit the organiser."

THE TREE OF LIFE APPEAL

All funds raised through The Great Bake will go to LIBRA's Tree of Life Appeal, which will power research into blood cancer treatments. With a target of £100,000, funds will cover the cost of equipment required for the development of a ground-breaking leukaemia vaccine and other blood cancer treatments at King's College Hospital in London.

JOIN IN LIBRA'S GREAT BAKE 2018

It's a delicious way to raise funds and save lives! Visit:

www.libralionscharity.org to download a fundraising pack or email info@libralionscharity.org to request further information.

Don't forget to share your recipes and promote your event at:

www.facebook.com/LibraCharity



HOW YOUR GIFT CAN HELP OUR WORK LIVE ON

Legacies, also known as bequests or gifts in your Will, are of vital importance to the Lions Foundations. After you have cared for your loved ones, by choosing to leave a gift in your Will to the Foundations, you can continue to support our Lions projects.

Charitable legacies are of real benefit to major Lions appeals on a local, national and international level. Gifts help those who are most in need as we only support appeals that are launched in times of crises, and long-term projects that have a positive impact on the lives of others, both at home and abroad.

When disaster strikes, charitable gifts enable us to act swiftly and provide support where it is needed most. By leaving a gift in your Will, you will help to ensure that the valuable work of Lions can continue beyond your lifetime. Legacies can also help to reduce inheritance tax liabilities.

HOW TO LEAVE A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

1. State in your Will that you would like to leave a gift to us. We recommend using a solicitor or professional will-writer to make sure your Will is legal and valid.
2. Include the full foundation name of your choice and its registered charity number to make sure the money goes to the right place: The Lions Clubs Foundation LCI MD 105 Foundation, registered charity number 1164711
OR The Lions International South East England Lions Clubs Foundation, registered charity number 1158845.
3. If you would like your gift to go towards a specific Lions project, you may be able to add this into your Will.
4. If you have already written us into your Will, we are very grateful, and would appreciate it if you could let us know. Visit www.lionsgiving.co.uk to get in touch.

Alternatively, you can donate to a specific project or the Foundations online at www.lionsgiving.co.uk



IN MEMORIAM

These Lions from MD105 British Isles have recently left us. We honour their memory and the contribution they made in their Lionistic service for the good of others.

**BAKER: Lion Richard**

Wotton under Edge Lions Club

CARVER: Lion Bob

Leicester Lions Club

**DENHAM: Lion Adrian
Algernon Whittaker**

Southam & District Lions Club

DICKENS: Lion Bob

Yeo Valley Lions Club

FROSTICK: Lion Ken (101)

Northampton Lions Club

GLENNON: Lion Mike

Fleetwood and Cleveleys Lions Club

HARVEY: Lion Steve (78)

Tonbridge Lions Club

HILEY: Lion Dr Neville

Worthing Lions Club

HOLLINGWORTH: Lion Rick

Winterton Lions Club

**LAITHWAITE: Lion William
(Bill)**

Bolton Lions Club

McGEORGE: Lion Don (86)

Hayle and District Lions Club

SPRIGGS: Lion Andrew

Horsham Lions Club

TAYLOR: Lion Alan

Worthing Lions Club

WEBB: Lion Martin (68)

Helensburgh Lions Club



To read full, unedited obituaries of all those Lions listed on this page who have passed to Higher Service, go to:
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Almoners: please email obituaries to the Lion editor at:
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There is no upper word limit and you are very welcome to include photographs.

FUNDRAISING TO SAVE LIVES



LIBRA
Lions International Blood Research Appeal

Can your Lions Club arrange a fundraising activity? From sponsored walks, through to afternoon tea parties and quiz nights – there is so much you can do to provide support. Funds help to ensure that the Haematology Department at King's College Hospital can develop new lifesaving treatments for blood cancer patients.

To find out how you can make a difference, please visit
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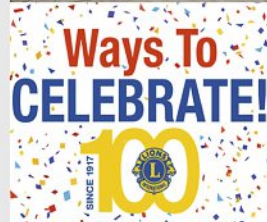
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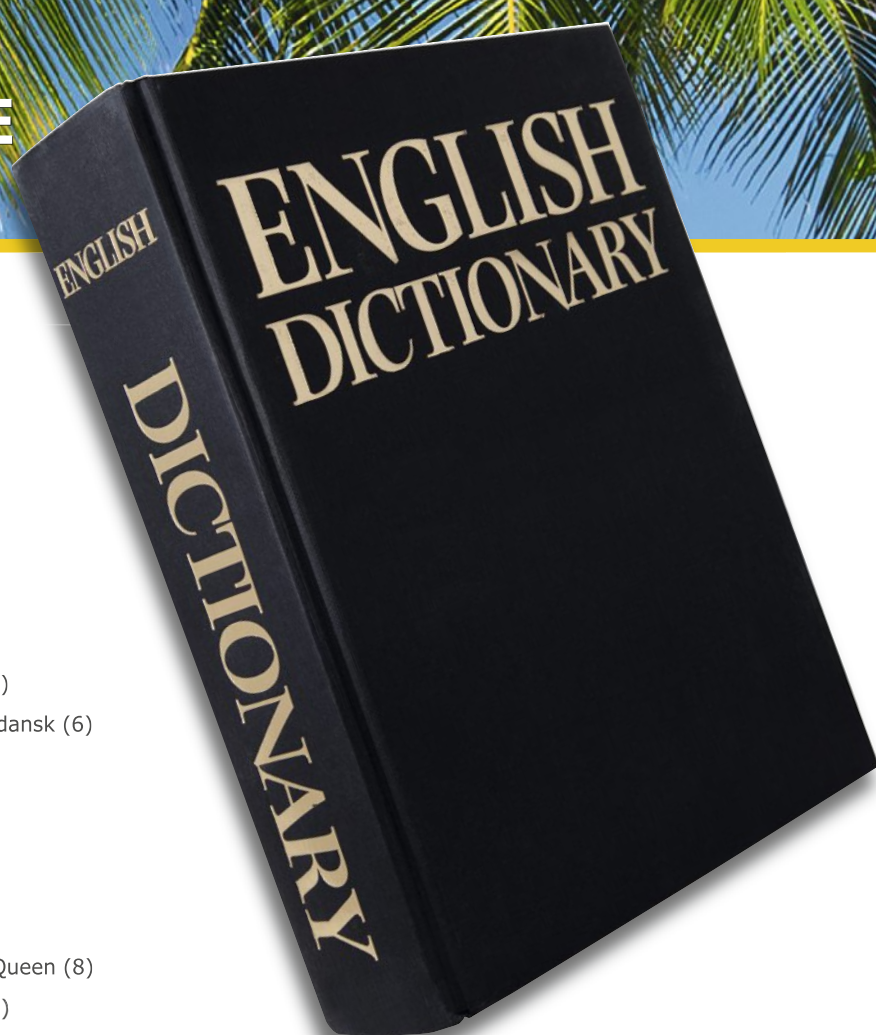


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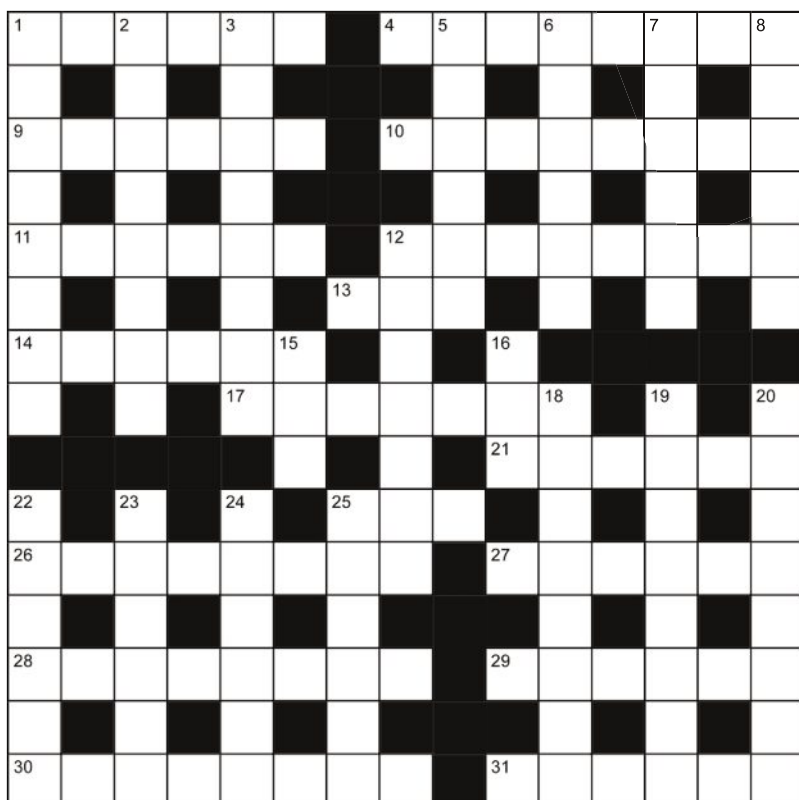
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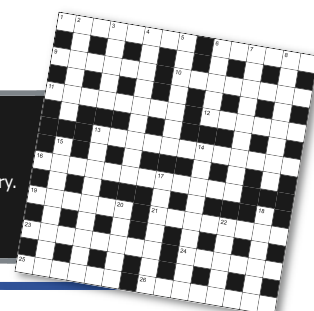
ACROSS

1. New store keeps British ice-cream (6)
4. Noblewoman wants pub on old headland (8)
9. Request comes in to get engine part (6)
10. Emit a fug perhaps and use it to disinfect (8)
11. Gate of harbour by a lake (6)
12. Chief of staff blasted lenient guard (8)
13. Container in grate (3)
14. One looks for member of 60s group? (6)
17. Sly devil loses one pound then promises to pay (7)
21. Occupier of temporary shelter outside centre of Gdansk (6)
25. A chap to tease (3)
26. One working with Norma on hill? (8)
27. Nation accepts popular playwright (6)
28. Going across river involves guts (8)
29. Six vehicles for clergymen (6)
30. Member of audience is unusually silent before the Queen (8)
31. To give protection from French fiend, I must go (6)



DOWN

1. One gives direction to put name to letters (8)
2. Kept quiet (8)
3. Raised tax in east Leeds endlessly (8)
5. One mistreats Jack and his employer? (6)
6. After work I swallowed drug (6)
7. Woman finds Pamela inebriated to some extent (6)
8. Yes, elm could be suitable (6)
12. Relish entertaining one with the Messiah (7)
15. The German turned up for wine (3)
16. Small building is closed first off (3)
18. Calm about intravenous drug (8)
19. Banter that's not lasted well? (8)
20. Emphasised puddings should rise (8)
22. Con the healthy and prosper (2,4)
23. Churned up salted deposits at river mouths (6)
24. Girl engrosses soldiers with martial art (6)
25. Leave a story for footballer (6)



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ACROSS

1. prompter. 6. stigma. 9. soften. 10. pleasure.
 11. gendarme. 12. tiered. 13. mad as a hatter.
 16. counter-tenor. 19. crisis. 21. plantain.
 23. moderate. 24. Oporto. 25. Kenyan. 26. settlers.

DOWN

2. roofer. 3. muted. 4. Tonbridge. 5. repress.
 6. smelt. 7. inspector. 8. murderer. 13. monastery.
 14. hang about. 15. foursome. 17. topless.
 18. bitter. 20. stain. 22. troll.

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